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MPs pay: voters say No

tonight in favour of the proposal for a £9.000 pay rise for fiance of public opinion. A Guardian/ICM poll today shows that voters are over whelmingly opposed to increases on such a scale, whether for MPs or ministers

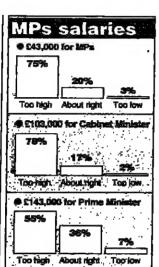
But, with tonight's Commons majority on a knife-edge. ICM brings better news for John Major and his prospective successor, Tony Blair. More than a third of voters think the award of £143,000 to the Prime Minister would be "about right".

That is still a clear minority, but significantly more supportive than the public mood towards big rises for MPs or ministers — whose claim to a "catch-up" award after a decade of restraint is being resisted by Mr Major and Mr Blair in favour of another self-denying formula

worth 3 per cent from July 1. It emerged last night, however that shadow cabinet members, including Ann Taylor, David Clark and Michael Meacher, refused to support Mr Blair's plea for

unanimity on 3 per cent. Some MPs, backed by ministers and Labour frontbenchers, are determined to insist on the full independent award from the Senior Sala-ries Review Body, worth around 36 per cent. Others fear that public pressure plus the concomitant cut in their lucrative car mileage allowances — makes discre-tion the better part of valour.

MPs whose seats are far from London could lose from getting higher taxable sala-ries, but lower tax-free mileage, which the report pro-poses. Either way three per cent of voters said such



quarters of the electorate regards the proposed salary of £43,000 for backbench MPs as too high, compared with current pay of £34,000. More than half of all voters

think the figure is "far too high". Only 3 per cent think it is too low. An even larger majority of 78 per cent disapproves of the recommended £103,000 salary for cabinet ministers, with only 2 per cent thinking that too low.

The poll asked voters: "The Senior Salaries Review Body has recommended that MPs' salaries be £43,000 per annum from next year. Considering the job done by MPs and the salaries paid for comparable work elsewhere, what is your view of this level of salary?" In reply, 53 per cent said it was far too high and 22 per cent a little too high, a total of 75 per cent. Two per cent thought it was a little too low and only 1 per cent thought it was far too low. Twenty per cent of voters thought that £43,000 was about right.

Asked about the recommen-dation that a cabinet minis-

litre Rover from Hackney —

which does not qualify for the highest car mileage rate

man. I do not have a big house; in fact I would say I

have one of the smallest flats in Hackney, so I am not

be voting for higher office

(74.1p). I am a divorced

living in luxury.

constituencies.

David Por-

ter Tory

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Why I'll vote



an award would be far too high, with a further 27 per cent thinking it was a little too high. Seventeen per cent think £108,000 is about right. Public opinion softens a lit-

tle on the proposal that the Prime Minister receive £143,000. Pitty-five per cent think the figure is too high. 7 per cent too low. However. 36 per cent of voters say the award would be about right.

Tonight's votes on a series

the traditional Commons

shambles on MPs' pay. Nomifrontbenchers will be expected to back their leaders. Some MPs resent Mr Blair's stance just as they resented Lady Thatcher's in the 1980s: both have a high-earning spouse. The result may turn on discreet abstentions. ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged 5-6. Interviews were conducted across the country and results have been weighted by the profile of all adults.

We need an MPs' sacrifice,



Prison survivor wakes at dawn and walks in Hyde Park

Nelson Mandela amid the military splendour of the Queen's welcome in London yesterday

NDER a tearful sky the car rolled across the

correct.

hind. Mr Mandela shook her hand and turned to the front where the band played on. Admirals, ministers, field marshalls and royalty peered out from the Camelot-style pavilion which was topped by a

Heathrow airport late on ning a four-day state visit.

mark on the way he sleeps and so, waking with the ris-ing sun, he walked in Hyde Park at 5.15am yesterday, greeting the early morning commuters with hand shakes and smiles

the Mall and mobbed the narrow entrance to the Horse Guards parade ground. The band struck up, of all things,

Much of the crowd that fought to get seats at the ground, and no one pushes and shoves with the fervour of royal watchers, were South Africans who fled into exile during the years of apartheid.

Hundreds of schoolchildren sung and chanted. "Mandela is one of the few people I ad-mire," said Popo Yusuff. "Certainly the only person I would have left north London to come and see." Once the ceremony was over — guns fired salutes

from Green Park and Prince Philip showed Mr Mandela the troops — horse drawn car-riages took the dignitaries towards Buckingham Palace

and lunch.

Mr Mandela leaned back beside the Queen and raised his hand to the cheering crowd.

The guards wheeled and trooped away down Birdcage Walk, the cream of an army

walk, the cream of an army with a long history of campaigning in South Africa, and the parade ground fell silent but for the departing crowd.

During the visit, Mr Mandela will gladhand Britain's leaders in business, politics and the aristocracy. But yesterday, as the crowd delighted terday, as the crowd delighted in seeing the prisoner turned statesman, it was the people who received Mr Mandela's

The rest of the day drifted past, leading towards last

ing invited him over for tea at Comment and Letters 8 Obituaries 10 word 15; Weather 16 Radio 16 and TV 16

bid to end poli row Michael White Political Editor

Labour

HE Labour leadership will consider tonight a compromise formula for resolving the running battle over this year's shadow cabinet elections in which it would agree to stage the contest in two week's time rather than after a protracted cam-paign in November.

If shadow cabinet backs this option, it could be accom-

panied by an official appeal to fractious MPs to back the entire front bench.

This appeal could be led by Labour's deputy leader. John Prescott. His standing among backbenchers may be high enough to save vulnerable frontbenchers like Harriet Harman. Tony Blair, concerned that

a shadow cabinet election would weaken the main fight against John Major, has been told by his chief whip, Donald Dewar, that he would succeed if he asked next week's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to cancel this year's campaign — but only at a price in terms of ill-will.

Many MPs, not all of them leftwingers, believe passion-ately that their right to pass judgment on their frontbench team remains an important one. Modernisers argue that the "beauty contest" ap-proach is too crude and predict that Mr Blair would not feel bound to honour the results if Labour wins the coming general election.

Ms Harman, now shadov health spokesman, is thought vulnerable because of her decision to send her younger son to a suburban grammar school after sending her elder boy to the Oratory, a Catholic grant-maintained school in west London, also chosen by Tony and Cherie Blair. Some MPs are claiming

that a Prescott- endorsed vote for the status quo would also save Michael Meacher, Joan Lestor and shadow home sec-retary, Jack Straw, whose PHOTOGRAPH JACQUELINE ARTZ tough law and order stance has alarmed many MPs.

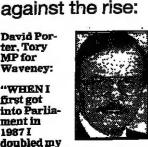
Why I'll vote for the rise:

Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South:

'MPs are worked and grossly ınderpaid

for their services. This pay rise has been recommended by an independent body and I do not see why MPs should demean its findings by voting it down for hypocritical reasons. If the shop stewards argue that we are

take it. If I was working outside the House of Commons as a barrister I would be carning £250.000 a year, not £34,000. I am fed up with the designer hairshirt hypocrisy of Tony Blair whose wife Cherie as a barrister is bringing in a third of million a year while he is urging Labour members to vote for 3 per cent. John Major is taking a similar hypocritical line in arguing for pay restraint. I come to work in a 1.6



doubled my salary from £9.000 a year, as a Tory agent to Jim Prior, to £18,000 a year as an MP. Conservative Party agents are some of the lowest paid

people in the country so it was quite a relief to get the MP's salary at that time. I drive to Parliament in an L-registration Ford Fi-esta from my home in Lowestoft. We do have another car, an M-registered

Espace, but it's not a top of the range model. Under the present rules I I came here to do a job I can only pay my staff £7,000 a year. I want to be able to increase this so I shall also love so I wanted to devote all my time to it, so apart from two payments from two political opinion pan-els, I have never accepted any consultancy work. My allowances. Then we can pay our staff decent wages for the essential work in our only other income is the rents of a few small shops in It is time MPs took a stand Lowestoft and I share this

with my sister. My wife does not work now, although she did work part-time for me as my secretary at one time. We have four children and all of them are educated at state schools. We do have a comfortable lifestyle, I live in a five-bedroom detached house in a nice but not too posh road in Lowestoft.

"WHEN I I really do not believe into Parlia-MPs should get a 26 per cent pay rise when we are urging other people like teachers and nurses to accept pay restraint. I know the pay rise has been recommended by an independent body but I don't think the public will see it that way.

'Nelson, Nelson, Nelson' chant the children as Mandela accepts a royal welcome

Ruaridh Nicoli

gravel strewn earth. Horses fretted under the red tassels of the Household Cav-alry. The 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards stood stock still as a sergeant walked among their line checking to see that their kit was perfect and

Out of the Rolls Royce's window Nelson Mandela's wide smile encouraged the roar of the 6,000-strong crowd. "Nelson, Nelson, Nelson," chanted scores of children. Above the Horse Guards building, the new South Afri-can flag unfurled as the band

struck up the anthem. For Mr Mandela, who once came to London as a fugitive, the Queen threw a wide smile, her royal figure a slash of yellow across the braid of the uniformed worthies be the theme to Star Wars.

streaming red pennant.

Mr Mandela flew in to

Monday and was whisked into London to his room at the Dorchester hotel, begin-Twenty seven years of prison has left an indelible

By mid-morning the public began to gather at the edge of

night's great state banquet at Buckingham Palace where all the royals, except the Princess of Wales, gathered. By then, the Queen Mother had already met Mr Mandela, hav-

health insurance will pay my bill, are you?" So, if you're buying a policy, ask yourself: does it cover out-patient treatment, like specialist to private treatment? Does it guarantee fall payment of surgeons' and anaesthetists' fees? Will It pay for atternative medicine? Primacare gives you all this. For more details, A member of the Standard Life Group

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"You're not sure your

Inside

Britain Kenneth Clarke left the door ajar for Budget tax cuts. He said tough control on spending could compensate for a borrowing overshoot.

World News Boris Yeltsin is again deep in the Chechenia mire with heavy fighting raging near Grozny and a truce with rebels in tatters.

Finance has been victim of a 'character assassination'.

Charles Vincent, · £15 million-a-year head of Winchester Commodities, says he

last decade. 16

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Sketch

All the kitsch of lime green leggings



Simon Hoggart

RITISH people once knew how to behave, but our country is now irredeemably vulgar. Hello magazine includes "exclusive" plo-tures of Paul Gascoigne's wedding, including a photo of himself and another guest

urinating. How much do you imagine they paid for that? Do you think it was in the contract? "Clause 27, sub-clause 13: the publishers shall print a full colour picture of the groom in his absurd Prince-Charming-in-panto-at-Luton outfit, taking a slash."

At the other end of the social scale, Nicholas Soames addressed the Commons dur-ing defence questions. "Robustly configured, very well equipped, and able to meet many commitments all around the world," he de-clared. Clearly he was boasting about his sexual prowess Pitiful in anyone, but in a grandson of Winston Churchill?

It turned out that he was talking about the armed forces. I apologise. Then up sprang Michael

Fabricant, a man who is the epitome of vulgarity, combin ing the in-your-face kitsch of Barbara Cartland, a Ford Si-erra Cosworth and lime green

Lycra leggings.

The topic was the sale of non self-destructing landmines. Mr Fabricant was in favour of these; the more the merrier, provided it's us who

While respecting that these landmines are an evil,"
he admitted, "our exports of
arms are 19 per cent of the
world's market!"
At this point Mr Blair

walked in, and my little friend's words were drowned by cheers from the Labour benches. (I hope he caught the Elton John video diary, Tan-trums and Tiaras, on ITV the

First night

role models.) Undeterred, he continued his paeon to the merchants of death. "Britain is second in the world only to America in supplying arms!"

At that precise moment the Prime Minister walked in, and an equally loud cheer prevented us from hearing what he had to say next.

The Speaker, who bears a slight resemblance to Elton John's mother and is just as protective of her boys, rose in fury at the noise. "The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition are British politicians, not Roman gladiators!" she shouted.

she shouted.
You could have fooled me.
And Dennis Skinner. "Throw
'im to the lions," he growled at
Fabricant. (Pity the lion who
ate him. He'd spend the rest of
his life spitting out nylon
hairs from between his teath.)

A spectacularly vulgar min-ister is James Arbuthnot, who speaks on defence. He revealed his ministry spends 25.3 million a year on "hospi-tality". Tony Banks (Lab. Newham NW) inquired whether our new military

strategy was to "party with our enemies until they drop". Mr Arbuthnot foolishly suggested that the trouble with political jokes was that they sometimes got elected. Labour members went into tucks and conniptions.

Then there was the question of Ted Heath. It was his 80th birthday yesterday and his friends had come for the party. The Lords' gallery included so many dear companions of yore: Lords Whitelaw, Prior

It was seeing a yellowing old newspaper in an empty drawer. The three-day week!
Prices and incomes policy!
How could we forget so soon?
The Great Helmsman ar-

rived. A low rumble of greeting built up towards a roar. Mr Arbuthnot, who was an-swering another question, kept talking. There was more

rumbling. Even Labour's John Reid tried to signal wildly at the minister, who became a teen-ager in the week Sir Edward was elected leader of the Conservative Party. He begged him to shut up. But in a cham-ber where Michael Fabricant is owed the same hearing as Major and Blair, why should he pay any attention to a mere elder statesman?

Exciting duo shine A police spokesman said the man, whose name was not released, would not be questioned until today. in masterpiece

Edward Greenfield La Traviata

HAT price the Three Tenors, when at Co-vent Garden you can get, not a collection of operation snippets sung by three old-stagers (however well-preserved), but a supreme masterpiece involving the most exciting duo of soprano and tenor to have emerged in

It is only 18 months since the Romanian soprano, Anela Gheorghiu, won all hearts in her revelatory per-formances as Violetta in Verdi's La Traviata.

With Sir Georg Solti conducting, it was a rendition that had one experiencing the opera afresh as though newminted, and the live record-ing, which appeared within months, confirmed that was no illusion of the moment.

Meanwhile, as we learnt from the gossip columns, Gheorghiu had teamed up in more than an operatic sense with the tenor who only a month or so earlier had made a comparable impact in Gounod's Romeo et Juliette, Roberto Alagna.

What better way to present La Traviata in the Royal Opera House's ongoing Verdi husband and wife team appearing together as Violetta and Alfredo?

The wonder is that in 18 months Gheorghiu's portrayal of Violetta has grown even deeper. Intensely beautiful physically and musically. she is so inside the role that she seems not to be acting at

sound easy. If Alagna as Alfredo is less revelatory, he paints an en-gaging portrait of the hero, youthful and eager, with voice lyrical and finely shaded, ate spirits in his Act 2 aria.

seal on a masterly presenta-tion, Thomas Allen singing father, for the first time at

Here is the stern father personified, who gradually melts in the face of such love as Violetta's for his son, who yet forces himself to demand her ultimate sacrifice. Vocally, too, this is as near flawless as one could imagine, a performance consistently subtle,

Prelude. For the rest her direction was unobtrusive rather than inspired, never matching the magnetism of Sir Georg Solti when Richard Eyre's sympathetic produc-

spheric as ever.. The eight performances (up to July 19) involve not just this ideal first cast, but an alternative — promising enough, but most unlikely to match it. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

all but spontaneously to be expressing her deepest emo-tions. Her floating of gentle high notes in the two great arias, Ah fors e lui in Act 1, Addio del passato in Act 3, is so flawless that she makes it

revealing his wonder on first seeing his heroine, and confi-dentially telling of his passion-

The third principal sets the the role of Germont, Alfredo's Covent Garden.

never stentorian.

Not that the evening had an encouraging start, when the conductor, Simone Young, set such a sluggish pace for the tion first appeared in 1994. Happily, Bob Crowley's designs look as pretty and atmo-

School expulsions top 11,000 for second year

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

OBIN SQUIRE, the schools minister, told a National Children's Bureau conference in London that forthcoming figures would show permanent exclusions in England and Wales in 1994/ 95 had topped 11,000 for the

The Government would legislate if necessary on the appeals panels, which had attracted criticism but which were trying to strike a balance between the interests of the excluded pupil and the majority of children in

Mr Squire said independent appeals were necessary and governors decisions had been overturned in only 180 cases.



Ahmed Malik . .

Third police search of tower block reveals fugitive hiding in a cupboard



St Luke's infants school (ringed top right) and Villiers House, the block of flats where police concentrated their inquiries (bottom left) PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE HILL

School attack: man held

rested last night in connection with Monday's machete ampton infants school which left seven people injured.
Police discovered him in a cupboard in a corridor on the

eighth floor of Villiers House, near St Luke's infant school where the incident took place.

A dog handler and three uniformed officers found him in the third search of the tower block since the incident

A hundred onlookers shouted "Scum" as he was led into a police car to be taken to be interviewed at Wolverhamp-

gear returned to the tower block near the school shortly after 7.30pm despite two searches in the 27 hours since the attack. About 20 minutes later they emerged with the

The huge police hunt, which started after a man jumped over the waist-high school wall brandishing a two-foot-long blade and then attacked a group of children enjoying a teddy bears' picnic, was fo-cused on Villiers House after witnesses said they saw the at-

will esses sain they saw the attacker heading towards it.
Officers first searched the block on Monday night. A second, five-hour search was carried out yesterday before the final swoop in the evening. Last night officers were also conducting house to house in-quiries at 700 homes in six other tower blocks.

Doctors were still treating Leader comment, page 3

five of the victims. Two adults and the three children injured in the incident remained in hospital and were said to be in a stable condition.

Pupils Rhena Chopra and Francesca Quintyne, both aged four, were recovering at the town's New Cross Hospital with lacerations to their faces. A hospital spokesman said one also had a broken jaw and a

The third child, Ahmed Malik, aged three, who was at the party with his sister, suffered a fractured skull and was taken to Birmingham's Children's

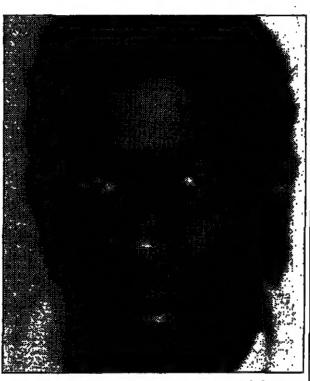
Hospital.
Of the four adults taken to New Cross, two have been released. The other two are Lisa Potis, aged 19, the nursery nurse hosting the picnic, who

tendons in her arm, and Wendy Willington, aged 29. Meanwhile, it emerged that St Luke's tightened its security in light of the stabbing last year of headmaster Philip Lawrence in north-west London. The school, which is now closed indefinitely, had in-stalled locks to all outside doors

and was not considered a security risk because it was en-closed by a wall and a fence, according to Ray Lockwood, Wolverhampton Council's director of education. The nature of the attack raised questions about what security means, he added.

Councillor David Hawkins chairman of a working party on the security of Wolverhamp ton schools, said that £50,000 extra had already been allo-cated to tackling the issue this academic year.

All staff at the town's schools were to be issued with personal alarms, costing a total of £10,000.



Horrett Campbell . . . known locally for strange behaviour

Eccentric loner put under pressure by death of 'only friend', his mother

Profile

Stuart Miller

HORRETT Campbell, named by police in connection with the attack at St Luke's school, is a well-known face in Blakenhall. Whether driving his orange Volvo or wearing his pork

sight in the community that surrounds St Luke's church and the neighbour-

ing infants' school. But, during his years there, he has always remained outside the com-munity, known only as a loner who behaves

Harrish Patel, the owner of the Rose and Crown pub across the road from Campbell's home, remembers pie hat, he was a familiar bim as an eccentric. "He

always wearing his little pork pie hat, and stare at their pints or their ciga-rettes. If anybody challenged him he would just turn around and walk out." Mac Nijjar, the landlord of the nearby pub The Glassy Inn, tells a similar tale. "He never bought drink. When he comes in he searches the floor and ash-

trays for dog ends. He is an out and out loner." One man, an old class-

with the other pupils and was his pride and joy, neighbours said.

"That's all he did was fix could remember him having a girlfriend. His retiring nature at

school made allegations about Monday's attack even more difficult for old classmates to comprehend. "He took me by surprise," one woman said. "He was always so quiet but he wasn't mad. He knew exactly what he was doing." Campbell moved into Vil-

liers House, a 10-storey block, in 1983 just after leaving school. Five years later the council designated the block as accommodation for single young people. Although be was at the top end of the age range, Campbell had secure tenure and was able to stay. The move to Villiers

House seemed to be good for Campbell who, for the first time, started to come out of his shell. Growing his hair into dreadlocks he adopted a rastafarian

would never buy a drink." image and joined a popular said Mr Patel. "He would local reggae sound system, just lean against the door, Ambassador. Old fans remember that one of the Ambassador's songs was people. When they went to be layatory he would steal But within a few years he their pints or their cigaways, shunning his neighbours and devoting himself entirely to fixing up old

cars.
"He loved his cars and would be working on them at silly hours of the day and night," said David Preece, aged 52, a resident of a neighbouring block. "I saw him washing it once at 3am and once I saw him paint-

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mate from Campbell's time at Catton Hill secondary school, remembers him as a shy boy who never mixed painted orange recently.

Ferguson, aged 30. "If he had been hiding in the flats when police towed it away on Monday he would have run out and chased after it. It was the only thing he

cared about.' His only friend was his mother, and he struggled to cope with her death two

years ago. Residents became more wary of his increasingly ec-centric behaviour. which on one occasion involved setting fire to one of the cars he had restored.

"Everybody around here knew Izzie," said Martin David, aged 18. "The death of his mother put him under a lot of pressure."

Campbell has an elderly father, Isaac, who lives a mile away in the All Saints area, but visited him only about once every three months. He also has a

US Gulf 'smart' bombs hit budgets not targets

Martin Walker in Washington

HE Pentagon heavily over-estimated the mili-tary effectiveness of the famed "smart" weaponry of the Gulf war, a four-year official survey reports today, as it questions the sky-rocketing cost of the new munitions. With Tomahawk cruise

missiles costing more than for only 8 per cent of the ton-\$1 million (£643,000) each, and nage of bombs dropped on the bill for the new B-2 'stealth" bomber at \$2 billion | munitions costs. The Penta-(£1.29 billion) each, it is a seri- gon, infatuated with the ous question whether the promise of the new muni-

more such victories, according to the report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the main watchdog of the US

government.
It says the subsequent claims made by the US military and the main weapons manufacturers were "over-stated, misleading, inconsistent with the best available data, or unverifiable". Smart weapons accounted

Iraq, but for 84 per cent of the

smart weapons on order -more than the cost of Britain's annual defence budget. The 250-page report discounts the US air force claim that 80 per cent of the bombs dropped by the F-117 stealth fighters were on target. The reality was nearer 40 per cent. the GAO claims, after a sur-vey based on more than 100 interviews and more than a

> from intelligence reports and after-action analyses to photo-reconnaissance and United Nations reports on damage to Iraqi targets. "It is inappropriate given

million items of information

higher-cost aircraft as generally more capable than lower-cost aircraft," says the declas-sified summary. The main report remains secret.

Despite the Pentagon's successful media campaign during the Gulf war, suggesting their Patriot missiles had shot down 41 out of 42 Iraqi Scud missiles, and that the laserguided bombs had shown stunning accuracy, the reality was far less impressive. "One-target, one-bomb effi-

ciency was not achieved," the reported concluded. "The air United States can afford any tions, has \$58 billion-worth of aircraft use, performance and campaign data did not validate in Saudi Arabia, and rifle bul-

fectiveness of guided munitions, without qualification." The report comes as the Republicans in Congress are attacking President Bill Clinton for spending too little on defence, and insisting that the US spend even more on hi-tech weaponry for strategic mistle defence, for a new gen-

and for "digitalised" infantry plugged into spy satellites. By contrast, the most recent casualties suffered by US armed forces were inflicted by crude truck bombs

eration of ships carrying bat-

teries of 300 cruise missiles,

effectiveness demonstrated in the purported efficiency or efficients and even clubs and bare. Desert Storm to characterise fectiveness of guided municipands in the back and bare

hands in the back streets of Mogadishu in Somalia.
"It would be nice, occasionally, if the target costs more than the bullet you shoot," was the saying of the late Admiral Mike Boorda, the Chief of Naval Operations who committed suicide in May after a controversy over his right to controversy over his right to

wear combat medals. A sceptic of the more grandiose claims made for smart weaponry, Boorda said the US fleet of four second world war era battleships could outdo Tomahawk missiles, at \$5,000 per shell, rather than \$1.1 mil-lion per missile.

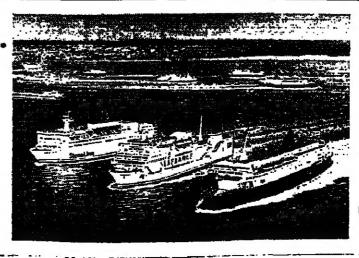
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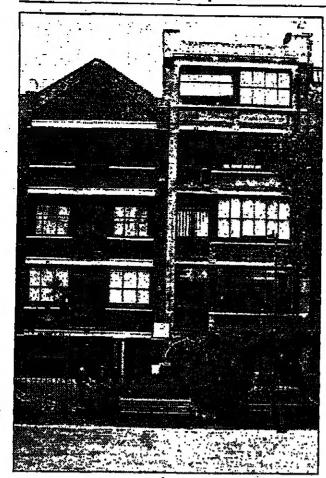


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Artists create a Left Bank in the east of London

O YOU wanna be an artist? Think you can pickle sheep and pour concrete with the best of them? Think again. Before picking Mr Saatchi's number in the phone book, let alone considering an art course, the aspirant artist should relocate to the East End of London.

Although fine artists

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10,000 fine artists, a quarter of the total in the country, work in a two square mile area between the Thames and Hackney town hall.

With the highest concentration of artists in western Europe the East End is Britatn's unlikely answer to the Left Bank of Paris. Even the was won last year by Damien | ford, east London. Next week | erine Lampert, director of the | tration of artists is a simple able south-west London home to Britain's artsy community. new home in the east.

Last month's announcement of the Turner Prize remain an unrepresented mi-nority in the soap East- Booker, included two artists



Artist Georgina Starr, who has exhibited at the Tate, moved into Hoxton Square some years ago PHOTOGRAPHS DAVID SILLITOE but now it is looking to by-

name "the Godfather of Hackto Britain's artsy community, ney" before relocating to is rumoured to be seeking a Brixton and then Devon. Two years ago the prize was won by Rachel Whiteread, whose concrete-filled House could be found in an East End park. Enders, research by the Lon- with studios half a mile apart | tween fashionable Berlin and don Arts Board reveals that in the East End. The prize | even more fashionable Strat-

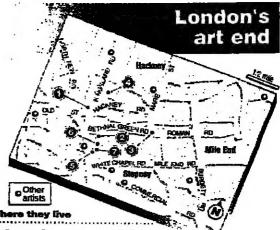
involving 1,200 artists in the East End, exhibiting at five locations or opening their studios to all and sundry. The biennial event is a daunting example of the extent of artis-tic endeavour in the east. "It is an indication of the number of artists who are pursu-ing this seriously," said Cath-

is co-ordinating the open.
It began when the docks started to shut down in the iate sixties, and then spread much wider.

"Now there are probably 20 openings every week in the area. We received over 2,000 submissions." The reason for the concen-

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owners of derelict buildings like, it is occupants willing to put up with less than ideal conditions. "Property devel-opers love artists," said artist Simon Patterson, one of the East Enders on this year's Turner Prize shortlist, "If you leave a building unoccupied for six months it decays. Artists stabilise a building.

Matthew Flowers, who runs Flowers East, a gallery in Hackney, moved into the area in 1988 after running a gallery in the West End for 18 years. We came here for cheap rent and very big spaces, and we liked the idea of a community

of artists," he said. While many areas offer cheap rents and large buildngs, two organisations, Space and Acme, have acted as catalysts behind the expansion in the East End. They've been incredibly helpful in taking over buildings, and because of their charitable status they don't have to pey rates," said

Acme takes advantage of the progressive policies of arts organisations in other countries. One street is man-aged on behalf of a Swiss cultural foundation, a Swedish group inhabits a unit in Aldgate administered by Acme, while Austrian and Austra-

lian groups also feature.
In the past Acme has orked with landlords to rent spaces for studios.
Georgina Starr, who has exhibited her video-performance installations at the Tate, moved into Hoxton don Aris Board's report into

There is more to the phe-

property at reasonable nomenon than Money "There is a clustering," said Mr Sharff there's one thing the ples. "Visual artists, who tend is a clustering," said Mr Shar-ples. "Visual artists, who tend to be solo, seem to benefit

from living close together."

It could be that young artists are the beneficiaries of trickle-down Thatcherism. "In the past, being an artist was too risky." said Michael Craig-Martin, an artist, Tate Gallery trustee, and the teacher behind many of the etter known names of Bri-Art. "The mentality seems to be that now, with job security undermined, everything is

too risky, so you might as well do what you want." Matthew Flowers points to the development of a parallel economy, with suppliers of materials in the area "not to mention galleries and spaces

where they can exhibit". Kate Bernard embodies the spirit of the East End artists. She recently bought a house between Brick Lane and Spi-talfields Market, which will function as her home and an exhibition space. "In Spital-fields there's not necessarily eauty all around but there's a lot going on. Artists, designers, tailors, furniture makers, people reviving traditional crafts. You've got this mix of styles and energy."

The first show in her home is of drawings by artists who live or work nearby. Hirst, Jake and Dinos Chapman, Julian Opia, it is something of a rary British art scene. But the essential tool for a

successful contemporary artproperties with the aid of lot-tery money. Its first purchase, Not surprisingly, many of the East End artists share similar phone numbers. Like the Far East, where certain numbers when spoken out loud are thought to invoke good luck, the numbers 503, 513, 247 are a sure sign that you be an artist.

1,000 extra troops for Ulster

Major rejects Unionist calls to overrule RUC chief on march

David Sharrock, Owen Bowcott and Michael White

NE thousand extra troops are expected to arrive in North-ern Ireland today as a symbol of the Government's determination to face down loyalist efforts to disrupt the province in defence of their right to stage traditional Orange marches.

With the political temperature rights of the political temperature rights.

ture rising after widespread overnight disorder. John Major last night warned the fragile peace process is in jeopardy, but rejected demands from Unionist MPs to overrule the RUC Chief Constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, and permit a token Orange march to the Dumcree parish church outside Portadown. Mr Major met the three Unionist leaders, David Trimble, Ian Paisley, and Robert McCartney, in his Commons office, to hear their accusa-tions that Sir Hugh's decision to prevent the march passing through Catholic streets was a "politically motivated" act of appeasement towards Sinn Fein/IRA. It was making a powder keg of the province. they said later.

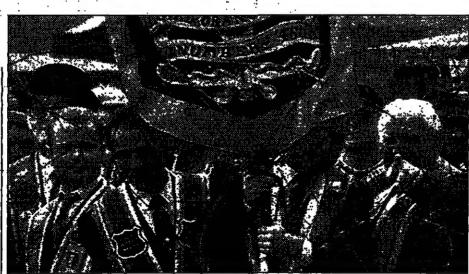
that Sir Hugh had his "full

Unionist leaders to exercise the "maximum restraint". Faced with a warning from he Liberal Democrats' leader. Paddy Ashdown, that "ethnic cleansing" had returned to Ul-ster — and could only benefit the IRA - Mr Major told the Commons that loyalist vio-lence at the weekend had been "indefensible". He called for sustained dialogue.

Orange Order leaders have attempted to stretch the security forces' resources with a series of parades and road blocks but yesterday they appealed for loyalists to demon-strate peacefully. The return of additional troops — which takes their number above the pre-1994 ceasefire level - confirms the Government's deter-mination to face down the challet ge to civil order posed by the Drumcree siege.

Unionist leaders yesterday accepted there had been "no meeting of minds" at Downing Street. However Mr Trim-ble said he hoped progress had been made. He continued to blame Sir Hugh for stopping the Orange parade down Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road.
"I think the Government

appreciates that with the 11th night and the 12thjust 48 Echoing the Northern Ire-land Secretary. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Mr Major told them lem in the next day or two.



Protestant marchers stand behind the barbed wire in Drumcree

ren returning home by the direct route, probably in a timilar manner to that which they returned last year.' As a fresh wave of vehicle hijackings and burnings paralysed many major roads across Northern Ireland and the province was set for another night of violence, church leaders and a senior RUC officer joined in calls for urgent dialogue to resolve the

Drumcree stand-off. The primate of the Church of Ireland, Archbishop Robert Eames, said during a visit to Drumcree: "There is no ex-"I don't see that there can cuse or provision for the sort support" and appealed to the | be a solution which does not | of violence we saw last night.

ing we had left behind."

Ronnie Flanagan, deput chief constable of the RUC.

said: "All people with responsibility must begin to talk must sit down to resolve these issues. It is a desperately diffi-cult issue, and no one should underestimate that."
In north Belfast, the num ber of Catholic families forced to move out of a largely Prot-estant enclave rose to five. Martina Darragh said that as surances from a loyalist party

involve the Portadown breth- | This is bringing us back to | to leave my home, but I know there's no way I could stay here, not after last night and the night before."

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, one of the main loyalist paramilitary groups, said it supported the Orange Order's protest but in a statement called for the demonstrations to be "peaceful and digni-fied". It also categorically de-nied any involvement in the murder of Catholic taxi driver Michael McGoldrick at Lurgan, County Armagh, on Sunday night.

that it would try to stop the intimidation had come too late for her and her sister. Fintan O'Toole, page 9; Roy "I just feel sorry that I have | Greenslade, G2, page 5

Spending curbs may fund tax cuts, insists Clarke

Larry Elliott and Sarah Ryle

Clarke, left the door ajar for Budget tax cuts yes-terday when he insisted that tough control of public spending could compensate for the overshoot in state borrowing announced in his summer

Mr Clarke increased the pressure on cabinet col-leagues by holding out the possibility of further personal tax reductions in November, provided they trimmed demands in the looming pub-lic expenditure round.

His upbest message fuelled Labour suspicions that Budget tax cuts could be driven by electoral rather than fiscal considerations and lead to severe problems for an incoming administration. Tony Blair accused the Govern-ment of being "untrustworthy and incompetent" in its handling of the nation's finances.
The Prime Minister, keen

to talk up the prospects for the economy, pointed to the Treasury's predictions that expansion would accelerate over the next year. The Chancellor had said the

economy was set to bounce back strongly in the second half of 1996 and throughout 1997, driven by the fastest expansion in consumer spend-

performance this year forced him to revise his growth forecent and raise his predictions for public borrowing.

City analysts were sceptical about the Treasury forecasts, saying that Mr Clarke would almost certainly need to trim base rates from their current 5.75 per cent to ensure that the economy grew at 2.5 per cent this year and 3.25 per cent in 1997. The Chancellor did little to

dampen such speculation when he said the Bank of England's inflation forecasts had "always been wrong and always been too pessimistic".

But he made it clear that he had not given up hope of de-livering the tax reductions de-manded by the Tory right, a move which would help to achieve his forecast of 4.25 per cent consumer spending growth in 1997.

'I will cut taxes every time there is a chance of doing so. That means when I am totally satisfied that fiscal policy is entirely on course and we are heading for a balanced budget over the medium term and we are getting public indebted-

ness to a sustainable level."
The latest estimates put the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement at £26.9 billion this financial year, £4.5 billion up on the prediction in last November's Budget With tax revenues again set

provement in 1997-98, drop-ping to £23 billion. Mr Clarke said the key

point was that the PSBR was on a downward trend and only half its peak of £45.4 billion in the aftermath of the City analysts said the

1997-98 forecast for the public finances was too pessimistic. Adam Cole, economist with securities firm James Capel, said: "We strongly suspect that, having been disappointed on tax receipts in recent years, the Chancellor could now well be looking at revising the PSBR forecasts down, a perfect background for a further tranche of tax

cuts."
Flanked by William Walde-grave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Chancellor said he was expecting a bruising spending round.
"I know the Treasury

always says the spending round is going to be tough, but this year we have even made provision for extra wet towels.

The shadow chancellor Gordon Brown, said Mr Clarke had "finally been forced to eat his words and admit a £12.5 billion mistake in his Budget forecast for borrowing. He has admitted that growth this year will be lower than forecast, and investment is low."

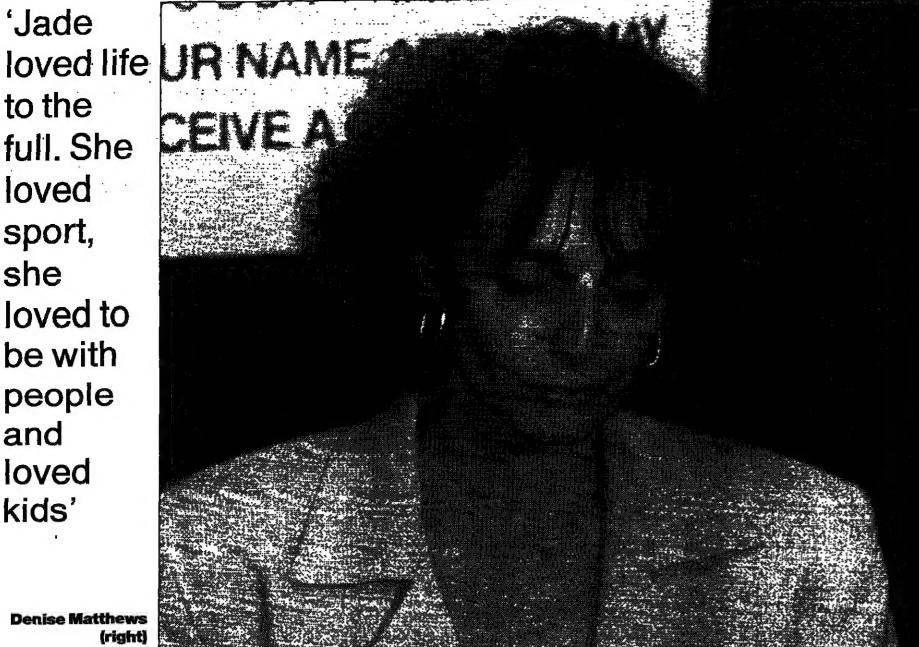
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'Jade to the full. She loved sport, she loved to be with people and loved kids'



Denise Matthews

Mother's plea over 'evil' act

Martyn Halsall on a cry for help in solving the murder of nine-year-old Jade Matthews

appeal for any information to help trace her killer.

Speaking at Merseyside police headquarters in Liverpool 36 hours after her nineyear-old daughter's body was found by a railway line in Netherton, north Liverpool,

HE mother of mur-dered Liverpool schoolgirl Jade Mat-thews last night mation ... however small". issued an emotional. Then she broke down and

sobbed: "Please, please." Mrs Matthews, 31, said Jade said: "She loved sport, she loved to be with people and three-minute appeal: "Tell the police if you think somebody

apparent animosity happened."
Mrs Matthews was flanked throughout by Detective

woman who gripped her arms to support her, Mr MacDonald, who praised "a very brave appeal by Denise", disclosed last for questioning had been released from custody without charges. Jade's natural father, Alan Priest — who separated from her mother

Superintendent Geoff Mac-

Donald, who is leading the murder inquiry, and a police-

squad detectives conducted Police are also trying to

trace a boy with a black mountain bike seen at an underpass with a girl about Jade's age, about 5.25pm on Sunday evening. He was de-scribed as about 13, of me-He was pushing the girl on the bike and she appeared to some blood on her teeth. The 50 murder squad some three years ago without | tives are still anxious to inter-

Bootle at about 9pm on Sun-day, Mr MacDonald said. He also said two 17-year-old youths were still being ques-tioned after being detained on

Monday night. This was a natural part of a major inquiry, he said. mother about 4pm on Sunday when she went out to play after her tea. Shortly after she left three other local children and walked away.

Hundreds of neighbours

All day yesterday flowers, messages and toys were placed along the metal railings of Orrell county primary school across the road from her home, where she went to school

gued that the "appalling" by a police dog-handler in the

early hours of Monday.

Detectives said she died from wounds to her head and face. A blood-stained stick, two feet long, was among items removed from the rail-way cutting where she died.

Ban guns, Dunblane parents say

Sarah Boseley

ARENTS of five of the 15 children killed in the massacre at Dunthat their sons and daughters had paid the price for people's

In a public appeal on the day before Lord Cullen's inquiry into the massacre is exected to end, the parents backed their lawyer, Colin Campbell, QC, who called during the hearings for a ban on civilian gun ownership and possession of guns.

ms are made to kill people. They should no longer be allowed in a civilised soci-ety," said John Crozier, whose daughter Emma, aged five, died when Thomas Ham-ilton opened fire in her pri-mary school's gymnasium. "My daughter's right to live

is more important than any body's right to shoot guns."
His family's farming connections made no difference
to his feelings, he said. "After Hungerford the same MPs the same shooting lobby, said it was a knee-jerk reaction, an hysterical reaction. If guns had been banned, the children would still be alive, with

the price for society's need to be able to target-shoot and shoot rabbits and foxes. Our children have paid the ulti-

mate price."
The Dunblane parents said the parents of Wolverhamp where small children a man with a machete during a teddy bears picnic that was intended to reassure them about their new school, were very much in their minds. In his closing submission to Lord Cullen, Mr Campbell ar-

attack in Wolverhampton would have had far worse consequences if the attacker had had a gun. The absence of firearms meant the injuries had been less severe.

"It may be thought that it is not beyond the wif of man to improve school security without turning schools into for-The Dunblane parents made it clear that their trag-edy was one from which they

would never recover ompletely.

Kareen Turner, who lost her daughter Megan, five, is one of many who have

attended the inquiry in Stirling every day.
You get out of bed, drive along the road, thinking. I'm only coming here because our children were killed and something has to be done about it. It is just unthinkable," she said.

Another parent, Pamela Ross, read from a statement which began: "Many people have said we have shown extraordinary courage and dignity and have asked how w

have begun to cope.
"For us the simple learn to live with the reality of what has devastated our lives. Each day we live with the loss we have suffered, and nothing in future will ever allow us to feel that our live

are complete.
"There will never be coping and everything is fine again, because it never will be. We will never get over it, and we just need the strength to live with it for the rest of

An injured teacher, Mary Blake, said she had not been able to go back to work at Dunblane primary school. " have been back to visit. found it very stressful

BBC beats ITV in Euro 96 shoot-out

URO 96 scored BBC1 its | BBC1, compared with 6.33 best performance against ITV for five rears, it is reported today. In the week of England's defeat by Germany and the final, BBC1's share of total viewing overtook ITV's by 1.5 per cent, according to official

figures up to June 30. eral percentage points. In peak time, the domi

nance was even more marked - 4.8 per cent. with BBC1 tak-ing 38.6 per cent of total viewing against ITV's 33.8 per

It was achieved even semi-final was shown on both

A total of 17.46 million people watched the match on

For the final between Ger many and the Czech Republic, BBC1's coverage drew 12.62 million viewers, against ITV's 4.2 million.

BBC television's director of programmes, Alan Yentob, said: "I am delighted the viewers have backed the

BBC sports coverage been magnificent, he said. In this summer of sport, the BBC has also shown Wimbledon and can expect keen interest in the Olympics later this month.

An ITV spokeswoman said: "Clearly, when there are two huge football matches in a week, it is going to cause an anomaly.

"We are still by far the mar-

Anglicans and Methodists take step towards unity

Religious Affairs Editor NGLICANS and Methodists are to explore proposals for a "visibly united church" after more than two years of informal

The next 13 months will be spent discussing a plan for closer integration in both closer integration in both churches before it is debated in the Church of England's quick to reject any suggestion faith. recognising each only in mid-1998, if all has gone

1997. The major sticking point between the two churches which have tried to unite twice before — General Synod in 1972 and 1982 — is over the position of women bishops, arred in the Church of England. Methodists permit women ministers to become district chairwomen, the

bership was forcing them into unity with Anglicans. "This is not a matter of lashing two ships together to make them float. There is a lot of life in both churches," said Rev the Anglican/Methodist talks.

A report proposes a "visi-bly united church" which-would include a common pro-

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diction by bishops over min-isters. Mr Beck emphasised that the churches were looking at "closer integration rather than merger".

The process is marked by extreme caution, learned from bitter experience which is a many Anglicans who feel they let the Methodists down. Talks

General Synod in November | that recent evidence of a dra- | other's baptism service and | according to plan, will the | signs of 'real hope" that things details of an agreement.

This is not a rush job. We do envisage formal consulta-tion with the churches before we take the formal step which we believe could be taken, said Mr Beck at a press confer-ence in London to launch the

But the Bishop of Grimsby, the Rt Rev David Tustin, the other co-chairman of the informal talks, said there were

collapse of unity talks in 1972." The pressure for integration is coming from below. said Mr Beck. In many com munities small Methodist and Anglican congregations are coping with big overheads, and integration would enable Many Anglican and Methodist churches are already in local ecumenical

partnerships.

Knifeman preyed on vicars he met in gay bars

An armed robber who preyed on vicars he met in gay bars, was told yesier-London Underground labourer Errol Stewart, 23, tied up one victim in a vicarage bedroom, forced him to hand over his cashcard and later stole \$200 from his account. In another incident, the father of one from Forest

Gate, east London, stole clereyman's wallet. At Wood Green crown court. north London, the judge, Ken-neth Zucker QC, told Stewart. who has a criminal career going back 15 years: "This menus a considerable prison sen-tence and you will get it." He then adjourned the case to August 2 for reports.

Reverend Martin Poole, 36, of St Mathias Church, Colin-dale, north-west London, was attacked at knifepoint last April after the pair met in a central London gay bar and went back to his vicarage where Mr Poole - who de nied he was homosexual allowed Stewart to massage his stiff neck. He said that without warning Stewart, a knife clenched between his teeth, bound him and tied him to a chair, then de-manded his cashcard and PIN number. He later struggled free and rang the police.

Stewart, convicted of one charge of robbery and another of theft, claimed the £200 he took was for spanking and bondage the vicar asked for.

What the jury did not know was that he had earlier admitted stealing a wallet from a Sussex clergyman he met in another London gay bar before returning to his vicarage. Later, the vicar drove him home and he snatched his wallet as he got out of the car.

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Survival plan for Roman remains

UNDREDS of land owners along the 73 mile Hadrian's Wall have agreed a management programme which should programme which should guarantee the future of Britain's greatest Roman monument, built by imperial decree and stretching from Tyneside to the Solway Firth.

The programme will oversee the buge increase

oversee the huge increase in tourism which has threatened the wall's surthreatened the wall's survival at some points, while maintaining the area as a

working landscape.

Details of the plan were announced on the wall at Cawfields in Northumbria yesterday, by the chairman of English Heritage, Sir Jocelyn Stevens. He called the wall a fragile and irreplaceable resource of internaable resource of interna-tional importance, which must be handed undamaged to future generations. Under the arrangement,

the monument's condition will be monitored, a programme of academic research launched, and all future commercial development discussed and agreed. Sir Jocelyn said he hoped

it would become a blueprint for the management of all of Britain's World Heritage Sites, which English Heritage is now working on.

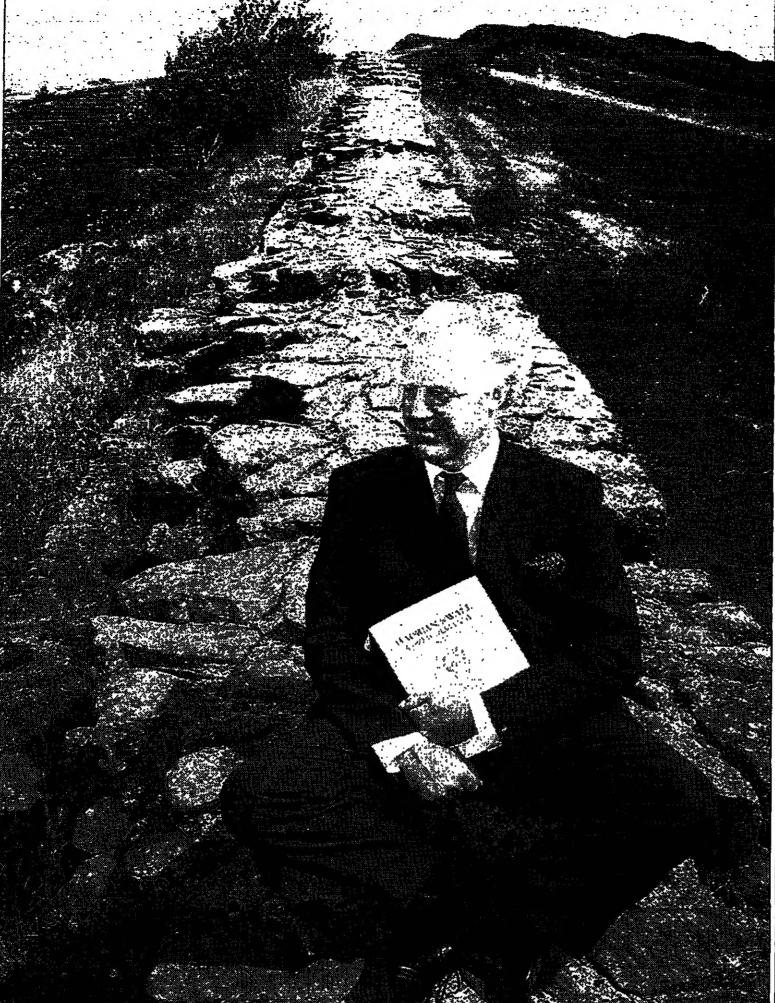
The five metre high wall has suffered considerably since the Romans abandoned it in the fifth cen-tury. Dozens of forts and turrets have been used as a cheap quarry for cut stone. and the wall a convenient back wall for modern build-

ings and enclosures. English Heritage has been consulting farmers. ties for the last year. The National Trust, English Heritage itself and local authorities own some of the wall and its towns, forts and camps, but most is still in private hands. Over 35,000 copies of the

shoot-ci

plan and a summary leaflet have been sent out with over 400 responses. Farm-ers were initially apprehensive, but Richard Ellison, regional director of the National Farmers Union yesterday said he was pleased the final plan ac-knowledged that centuries of agriculture were respon-sible for the beauty of the landscape on both sides.

Sir Jocelyn said he hoped the management plan would encourage landown-ers to remove planting and building from the more important sites, and to allow archaeologists on to their



Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, on Hadrlan's Wall with a plan to secure the monument's future

Car fall victim

ter fell out of the window dur-

ing a "drunken car surfing prank" said that he regarded

his friend as a grown up who could look after himself.

Oxford crown court was told

yesterday.
The driver, Tatsuya Yoshi-

mura, also said he had never heard of the "surfing" prac-

tice which led to the death of Thomas Pickett, aged 21, who

lost his grip on the window of

had been out drinking before

the accident on November 8 last year. The accused, who

was later found to be more

'was grown up'

Yorkshire drought error

Poter Hetherington

ARTS of Britain may have been knee deep in water for the past week or so, but yes terday Yorkshire Water applied to extend a drought order over the East Riding.

But at the start of a public inquiry in Hull, it admitted it had altered of some and the start of the st had altered official figures to show peak rainfall levels 25 per cent less than those sub-

mitted by the Government's environment agency.

"This is a scandal," said
Mark Kelly, of the Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust, who accused
the company of falsifying data, "I cannot deny it is very

ago, wants to increase abstraction from the River Hull to avoid a threat to domestic

supplies in the area.
When asked about the figures at the hearing in Hull. the resource manager of Yorkshire Water, Ian Stevens, promised to investigate. "I am prepared to give the bene-fit of the doubt to the higher

figure," he said. The company says an extension to a drought order, widespread through the rest of its area, is necessary to protect supplies later this summer and during the autumn.
Officials said that the

Reservoir levels in the

worst affected areas, such as Calderdale, are 52 per cent below capacity.
The report into Yorkshire

The campaigning group Yorkshire Water Watch yes-terday maintained there was no shortage of water in the East Riding. It said the company needed to increase ex-

for complacency and substandard service in a report it commissioned two months ago, wants to increase absorber in the east and but do not seem to have any confidence in their ability to

deliver. • The Consumers' Association said yesterday it was con-sidering legal actions against The report into Yorasune
Water, by John Uff QC, a professor at Kings College, London, spoke of a "complete absence of any overall
emergency plans" in parts of
the area last year.

In Byatt, director general or
Ofwet, the water watchdog,
because of his forceful promotion of meters for domestic
users.

"We think Ofwat are break-

ing the law," the association's director, Sheila McKechnie, told the all-party parliamen-tary water group meeting at Westminster. "We are in negotiation, but there is a point at which you say to hell with it, let's see if we can continue

the moving car.
Yoshimura, aged 23, denies causing death by dangerous driving and the alternative charge of causing death by driving without due care and attention of the care are and attention of the care are and attention of the care are are also as a care are a care are also as a care are a care are a care are a care are a care and a care are a care and a care are a care are a care are a care are a care and a care are a care are a care are a care and a care are a care and a care are a care are a care and a care are a care are a care and a care a care are a care a car attention after consuming excess alcohol. The court heard that Yoshimura, Pickett and a fellow student of Oxford Brookes Boy 'frozen with fear after head's sex assault in dormitory' University, Monica Bader,

A STUDENT who was driving another student in his car when the later other two back to the campus. But as Yoshimura drove Pickett stuck himself out of the passenger window and within seconds was lying on the road with head injuries which led to his death.

Speaking through an inter-preter, Yoshimura, from Japan, said: "Tom uttered something I don't remember what he said. I saw him stick part of his body out of the win-dow. I remember him shuffling his body. I can't be cer tain how far out of the vehicle

he was. He disappeared." The jury was told that Yo-shimura told police: "It is my after-knowledge that he was going to go surfing. I did not register snything except that he was muttering. I wasn't watching his movements. He was not stuck out very much .. Tom was a grown up. I

was busy driving. I never imagined he would put the

The case continues today.

rest of his body out."

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News in brief

Plutonium danger at Dounreay dump

A SHAFT containing hundreds of tonnes of plutonium contaminated nuclear waste at Dounreay in Scotland is in danger of being breached by the sea and will cost up to £200 million to make safe, the Government's Radioactive Waste Advisory Committee said yesterday. The shaft, 65 metres deep and close to the beach at Dounreay, had to be made safe or radioactivity could be released. It could be breached by the sea within 40 years, but the radioactivity inside it would be dangerous for 100,000 years.

the radioactivity inside it would be dangerous for 100,000 years.
The danger was so great that the cheap option, costing £100 million, of sealing the shaft, was not acceptable. The more expensive option of removing the waste, packaging it and burying it at Sellafield in Cumbria was probably the best.
The shaft was originally built as part of the construction of a pipeline to take low-level nuclear waste out to sea. It became redundant but the UK Atomic Energy Authority used it as a dump from the late 1950s until 1977. — Paul Brown

Woman, 96, mugged for £7

FOUR youths, three white and one black, are believed to have mugged Maud Wood, aged 96, pushed to the ground and robbed of 27 on an afternoon shopping trip. Lest night Mrs Wood, of Finsbury Park, north London, was in a stable condition at Whittington hospital, Highgate, suffering from a broken nose and facial injuries.

She was near her home when attacked. A neighbour, Martin Powell, 43, who has visited her in hospital, said: "I was shocked by what I saw. Her nose is broken and split open. She has bruises all over her arms and wrists. But the plucky old girl recognised me immediately. She does not know what happened. She keeps on saying she was pushed."

High Court fake case settled

A HIGH Court dispute between the auctioneers Sotheby's and a A rich court hispitic between the autonomers someby's and a collector over a painting attributed to the Austrian artist Egon Schiele was settled yesterday. William Stockler, a lawyer, had brought proceedings over The Sleeping Girl which he bought for £75,000 in a December 1986 sale of impressionist and modern

drawings and watercolours.

He has argued that the catalogue description of the watercolour as being that of Schiele (1890-1918) was negligent in that the colouring was not genuine. Sotheby's denied owing a duty of care to Mr Stockler, of Hampstead, London, or that it was negligent. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Drink-drive warnings work

YOUNGER people are responding better to warnings against drink-driving than older motorists, according to a survey conducted by MORI for Privilege Insurance. Three quarters of 17 to

24-year-old drivers claimed never to drink and drive compared with 55 per cent of drivers over 25.

Young male drivers were no more likely to drink and drive than their female counterparts, but older male drivers were much more likely to offend than older women motorists. Jim Wallace, marketing director for the insurance company, said: "While the figures seem rather surprising, they do substantiate the change in attitudes over the last 20 years."

25 compete for radio slot

SERVICES aimed at the retired, children, gays and lesbians, and the Irish community are among 25 contenders for the last slot on London's radio dial, it was announced yesterday. Favourities to win the licence for the remaining FM frequency include XFM, a specialist alternative rock station, and Festival Radio, featuring alternative and indie music, combined with a listings service.

Other contenders among bids submitted to the Radio Authority by yesterday's deadline include Saga Radio, a speech and music

service aimed at over-50s, Buzz FM and London Children's Radio both for children, AIR and London Irish Radio both aimed at an Irish audience, and Radio France Internationale for London based francophiles. Two established services are seeking a spot on the FM dial: Atlantic 252 and Capital Gold. — Andrew Culf

Briton on £6.5m drug charge

A BRITON has been charged with smuggling heroin worth \$10 million dollars (\$6.5 million) after US customs inspectors found 28lbs of the drug concealed in wood carvings. Steven Bristow, aged 33, from Essex, had been charged with smuggling the drug which was seized at Kennedy International airport. New York, on July 4, said a US customs spokeswoman. He could face up to 20 years in jail. She said Bristow was detained after inspectors became suspicious of his nervous manner and took a closer look at two wooden wall carvings that he brought into the US on a

The seizure was "one of the top five, maybe the top three" drugs finds in New York in recent years, said Thomas Smith, deputy special agent in charge of the customs service's New York office.

Children's books award

CHILDREN'S books have been taken out of the main £21,000 Whitbread Award and given an £8,000 prize of their own, to be chosen next January, it was announced yesterday. No children's novel has won the overall prize since the Book of the Year awards

novel has won the overall prize since the rook of the rear awards took their present form 10 years ago.

Winning authors in the other categories of best novel, best first novel, best poetry and best biography receive £2,000, and the outright winner gets another £21,000.

The prize will be chosen and announced at a prize dinner on

Prize for Irish writer

FREELANCE journalist Matre Nkc Sutbhne has been awarder this year's £5,000 David Watt Memorial Prize for an article which was published in the Guardian. Her piece, published in the Weekend section last year and about the political allegiances of weestant section as year and about in pointing allegances of the Protestant working class in Northern Ireland, was chosen by judges looking for an outstanding contribution to the clarification of national, international and political issues and the promotion of their greater understanding.

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iraction from the River Hull to ensure domestic supplies dry, but this is a very naughty thing to do." Yorkshire Water, criticised drought, which began in April last year, shows no sign of abating. "There is an exthe debate by legal or other "They know they are push-

ASCHOOL pupil lay "fro- cently assaulting six boys, agend from nine to 12, between headmaster allegedly moschool dormitory late at night, a court heard yesterday.

A second pupil who claimed he was touched in bed by Rob-ert Hay told Bristol crown ert Hay told Briston and I fine assault happened in court. "I was very shocked I fine assault happened in just could not believe it had september 1992 he was "too just could not believe it had seem to move" and "frozen and thing the West Country school with fright." He said nothing claimed in a video interview he was touched by Hay on two occasions as he lay in bed. The three boys claimed that

Hay had touched them after approaching their beds and pulling their duvet covers down. Hay, aged 42, who resigned as headmaster, has denied seven charges of inde- he said nothing after being

nes

August 1992, and June 1995. The judge has made an order preventing publication of the name and address of the

The first boy witness, then aged nine, yesterday told the jury by video link that when the assault happened in because he was afraid Hay would shout at him. When de-fence counsel Ian Pringle suggested the incident did not happen at all, the boy replied:

"Yes it did." The second boy, also nine at the time of the allegations, told the court via video link

touched because "he was the I was "absolutely positive" he headmaster, I did not like to." He later heard another boy had phoned Childline, and some pupils talked about things they said had happened to them.

He agreed with Mr Pringle that some boys did not like Hay, but denied they saw this as a way of getting rid of him. "I did not want Mr Hay to

had been touched, and later told Robert Duval, prosecuting, that he was "very wor-ried" about what would hap-pen to Hay's family. Mr Duval said until be resigned as headmaster. Hay occupied a position of "con-

siderable trust and responsi-bility," which the crown claimed be breached "in a leave, he was a jolly good profound way." The hearing headmaster." said the boy. He continues today.

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FBI try novel theory on bomber

Jonathan Freedland in Washington on a link between the US Unabomber and the central character of a book by Conrad

found the man who inspired the pect is the literary glant Joseph Conrad.

Federal authorities have been struck by uncanny Kaczynski — charged with the 18-year killing spree at-tributed to the Unabomber and the central character in Conrad's 1907 novel, The

NITED STATES identity and that the prosecutors be-lieve they have used the author's name as a

The strongest connection is the Professor, the bril-liant but unkempt and deranged character in the Secret Agent. Like Mr Kaczynski, he quit academe to away, where he built a bomb whose target was an institution of science. Like Mr Kaczynski, be

loathed technology and was obsessed with explosives. "I've the grit to work alone quite alone, absolutely



Missing link...Conrad (left) may have inspired alleged bomber Kaczynski (centre) with 'the professor', played by David Suchet (right) in a BBC TV version of The Secret Agent

years on end with virtually no human contact.

FBI detectives sent copies of the Conrad book to US scholars last year, hoping for an insight into the mind leavening. scholars last year, hoping for an insight into the mind

Courad's books are laced with the alienation, loneliness and yearning for a pre-scientific era that characterised the Unabomber's infamous "manifesto" — the publication of which in the New York Times and Washington Post last year led to Mr Kaczynski's

The suspect's relatives have now told the FBI that Mr Eaczynski nurtured a lifelong interest in Courad. He read the author's books as a child, and in 1984 told his family he was reading Conrad's novels for "about the dozenth time" in his Montana hut.

Investigators believe the alleged Unabomber idolised the novelist, registering a a hotel in Sacramento, Call-forms — from where he is believed to have posted his bombs — under the names Conrad or Konrad. The author's original name v Teodore Jozef Konrad Kon teniowski; the accused's full name is Theodore John

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Waves crash over barriers at Luquillo, Puerto Rico, close to where a US surfer drowned when the hurricane struck

Upgraded Hurricane **Bertha heads** for Bahamas

AP in Charlotte Amalie US Virgin Islands

URRICANE Bertha
picked up speed yesterday, earning a category three officially dangerous ing, and looked to be heading

Caicos Islands and for the southeast and central Bahamas as winds built to

laimed the lives of three eople in Puerto Rico and one n the Virgin Islands, and the coast guard was yesterday searching off the coast of Puerto Rico for a boat caught in the hurricane with up to 42 people on board. "The final transmission

from the vessel said it was in the eye of the hurricane and people were jumping into the water," said a coast guard spokesman in San Juan. A resident on the island of

Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos said businesses were boarded up and boats had been moved into man made canals. The islands have a population of around

While Puerto Rico escaped serious structural damage, the hurricane landed a direct hit on both the US and British Virgin Islands on Monday, ripping roofs off homes, bringing down power lines and bringing torrential rains PHOTOGRAPH: RICARDO RIGUEROA Which flooded buildings.

from 'Mr Gloom'

Martin Walker in Washington

ICHARD known in his native Colorado as "Governor Gloom", yesterday announced that he would challenge Ross Perot to be presidential candi-date of the Reform party, the organisation formed and fi-nanced by the Texan billionaire as the vehicle of his own

political ambitions.

'America must ask itself the 1992 elections with a spirnot what it wants, but what it ited campaign that won more can afford," the former governor said in Denver. "You cannot secure justice in this generation by putting the charges onto the next generation."

Mr Lamm, aged 60, com-bines the familiar issue of the budget deticit with dire warnings that the US pension and welfare system cannot survive the demographic tidal wave of the baby-boom generation reaching retirement age. He has promised a plan that would partially privatise social security.

"I'm trying to change ortho-dox liberalism," Mr Lamm said. "The dreams of the 1960s canot be financed by the economy of the 1990s. I am so sick of my liberal friends telling me how compassionate they

November should quanty in all of them except Mr Lamm's own Colorado, Rhode Island own Colorado, Rhode Island and Washington, DC.

Perry, said on Monday.

He told a hearing by the compassionate they are being by voting for pro

A lawyer who became a
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rado from 1966-74. Mr Lamm
carde"

He also wants to limit immigration, insisting that "the US has got to choose between its own huddled masses and the world's huddled masses the US has a nation-threatening problem with its own

Notorious for penny-pinching, he financed a family holiday in San Francisco by arranging a house-swap with a the new conventional wisranging a nouse-swap with a family who got to live in the Colorado governor's mansion. But his reputation never quite recovered from a stock market coup in 1986 when, which says that President Clinton has cut the federal budget deficit by two thirds to \$130 billion, and de livered low inflation, low unsupplyment, and 2 new contentional wisthanks to the advice of a very employment, friendly stockbroker, he GDP growth.

Perot challenge Senate deadlocked on wage rise

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

The opinion polls give the Reform party less than 10 per cent of the vote, even if Ross wage, with Democrats argu Perot is running, and it drops to 2-3 per cent for Mr Lamm.

He was known as governor for a no growth policy that barred the 1976 Winter Olympics from Colorado, and for suggesting that old people with expensive medical prob-lems had "a duty to die". campaign, late yesterday. Under the plan, workers now receiving \$4.25 an hour

would be entitled to \$5.15 — the first rise for six years. than 19 million votes, almost 20 per cent of the electurate, has yet to say whether he in-

tends to run again. Under the rules of the party, anyone who gets the written support of 10 per cent of members can run for the presidential nomination, which will be decided in parallel conventions in Cali-fornia and Pennsylvania next month. The party claims
1.3 million members, but that
also includes those who have
signed candidates' petitions
to get on to the ballot.
The party is now on the

turned a \$400 investment into \$40,000 within 72 hours.

The party is now on the presidential ballot in 21 states, and by election day in November should qualify in

then served three four-year terms as governor, and has since run and taught at Den-ver University's Institute for Public Policy. His wife, a stal-wart Democrat who is helping organise Colorado for the Clintons, is not supporting

her husband's venture. Mr Lamm's attempt to the delicit flies in the face of employment, and 3 per cent

"HE United States Senate was caught in a stand-off yesterday over plans to raise the national minimum ing the case for workers' dig-nity and Republicans backing

The Senate was due to vote on the increase, established as a central issue in this year's presidential election

Republicans initially opposed the move outright, argoing that it would drive up

80 per cent of Americans backing the increase, the Republicans altered their tactics yesterday, dropping their opposition in favour of a list "No American who works

f conditions. for a living should have to These amendments were live in poverty," said Senator of conditions. aimed at exempting small businesses which earn less than \$500,000 in annual sales from paying the increased wage; at allowing bosses to pay new workers a "trainee" wage at the old level for six months; and at delaying the implementation of the new rate until January. Democrats wanted workers' pay to increase this month.

ployers out of business. But cratic Senate leader, Tom with polls showing up to Daschle. White House officials signalled that President Clinton would veto the bill in

> Ted Kennedy, the liberal veteran whose vigorous sponsorship of the minimum wage bill has impressed both sides. Democrats feared that the exemptions would provide bosses with so many loopholes that five million workers would receive no increase. Around 10 million workers

turn the minimum wage. But Republicans argued "They're proposing a Swiss- yesterday that small cheese amendment with as businesses needed protection going that it would drive up many holes as they can get to keep providing the low tors to vote on the relabour costs and force em away with," said the Demo wage jobs that have enabled be was their leader.

off benefits and back to work. The Democrats' best hope resterday was to win over three wavering Republicans to defeat the amendment. In Daschle promised to klil the Republican changes in the final stage of the bill — when the Senate and House of Representatives versions of the measure are reconciled. Republicans in the House staged a back-bench rebellion to pass the increase in May. But President Clinton wins

either way. Americans see the wage issue as one of basic fairness, and he is likely to make much of the fact that his Republican challenger, Bob Dole, refused to allow Senators to vote on the move when

News in brief

US failed to see threat

An underestimation of the terrorist threat in Saudi Ara-bia by United States military commanders led to delays in adopting security measures before the June 25 bombing in

Senate's armed services committee that officials were misled by intelligence reports and a smaller-scale attack on US troops in Riyadh last No-

Peace deal close

Guatemala's foreign minister, Fduardo Stein, said on Monday that his government and the leftwing guerrillas could stress economic policies and reach a final peace deal within three months. An agreement would end a 36year guerrilla war that has claimed more than 100,000 lives. - Reuter.

> Doctor case fails A jury in San Diego, California, has rejected a case

brought by Ray Noonkester, aged 67, who claimed a doctor ignored his wish to die with dignity. The man, who communicates by computer, such the doctor for the \$66,000 a alive. - Christopher Reed.

Good noose

Zimbabwe says it has been "inundated" with foreign applications, some from western Europe, to full a vacancy as to draft a new constitution. Hamentary seats in an elective country's hangman. The Ms Suu Kyi, today celebration in 1990. the country's hangman. The justice minister. Emmerson Mnangagwa, said he was dis-appointed only a few Zimbahweans had applied. — AP.

Boost on pay

Turkey's new prime minister. Necmettin Erbakan, yester-day announced a 50 per cent pay rise for millions of civil servants and pensioners after being confirmed as the country's new leader. - Reuter.

Camel tail lights

Camels, popular with tourists in the West Australian town of Broome, will have to be fitted with rear bicycle lights to reduce the hazard they pose to traffic, the town council has decided. — AP.

Suu Kyi rejects junta's plan for Burma 'bill of rights'

Micholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

junta, pledging that her National League for Democracy will go ahead with when the narry that the government is willing to take any measures it sees fit to threaten the narry that

ing the first anniversary of her release from six years law yesterday as "totally un-under house arrest, said the Burmese people were "not in-Burmese people were "not in-Burmese people were "not in-terested" in a bill of rights being drawn up by the mill-enjoyed strong public

tary-run national convention.
"The party congress gave us the responsibility of drawing up a draft constitution and we will go ahead with that, she said. A law passed hastily last

month when the NLD first announced its alternative plans has targeted those who "belittle or create misunderstandings" about the convention. Anyone who expresses political views publicly may be jailed for up to 20 years. in a report released today to remain behind bars.

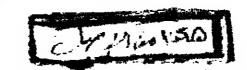
mark the first anniversary of Ms Suu Kyi's release, Amnesty international says the law "effectively outlaws free speech". The arrest earlier BURMA'S pro-democracy speech". The arrest earlier this year of hundreds of members of the NLD "indicates

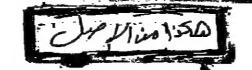
Ms Suu Kyl dismissed the

support.
She also condemned the junta's "visit Burma year", urging tourists not to respond to the campaign "because this is tantamount to supporting authoritarianism in Burma".

Amnesty International said events in the year since Ms Suu Kyi's release "have dashed optimism that the gov-ernment intended anything other than a cosmetic exercise". It claimed that at least 1,000 political prisoners







Insurance firms join alarm over global warming

GROUP of 58 interna-tional insurance com-panies yesterday called on governments of industrialised nations to achieve "early substantial reductions" in greenhouse

gas emissions.
"We are worried about climate change because it is likely to cause more ex-treme weather events," Dr Andrew Dlugolecki of Gen-eral Accident said at inter-national talks in Geneva on the 1992 climate change convention. "We are losing increasing amounts of money through extreme weather." It is estimated that a single hurricane in the United States could set the global insurance industry back by \$50 billion

United Nations officials are delighted that a group normally known for its conservatism has joined he environmental cause When a major industry

should we," says Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the executive director of the UN Environ-

ment Programme.
British insurance companies are already facing payouts of £500 million each year after a series of droughts. "A bad year of drought can cost millions of pounds in damage to house foundations," says Dr Dlugolecki.

The problem is not just the cost of severe weather: insurers are also affected

by the increasing unpre-dictability of weather. "The fluctuations in the amount paid for weather damage by insurance com-panies each year are becoming greater," says Ivo Knoepkel from the Zurich-based Swiss Reinsurance Company. Unpredictability makes it more difficult for insurers to work out the level of premiums.

Insurance companies admit that global warming does produce some benefits: there is expected to be a de-cline in claims relating to



Cooling off . . . A Russian man, his pistol in a holster, carries a friend across a pool in Moscow, where yesterday the temperature reached 33C (91F) . PHOTOGRAPH: DAMD SRAUCHLI

General Lebed 'prepared to discuss secession'

Chechen fighting seals end of truce

David Hears

RESIDENT Boris Yelisin is again deep in the quagmire of his 19-month Chechenia crisis, with heavy fight-ing raging near the capital Grozny and a truce with

A day which began with his new security adviser, General Alexander Lebed, saying he was prepared to discuss the secession of Chechenia, ended in a somewhat different sentiment expressed by the top Russian military commander. who vowed to "destroy" the forces of the separatists.

Tension, already rising all weekend over the Russian refusal to take away road-blocks, exploded even before the passing of a Russian dead-line for the rebels to hand over their prisoners. Last night fighting was raging around the village of Gekhi, 16 miles south of Grozny. roads in and out of the capital were sealed off, the airport was closed and the whole

strip us," said the Russian commander in Chechenia. Jeutenant-General Vyaches lay Tikhomirov, a man who had made little secret of his opposition even to a partial withdrawal. "This was their response to our demand to

response to our demand to stop provocations."

The Russians claimed they had been conducting a "check of the passport regime" of residents in the village of Gekhi when they came under fire, an explanation no one believed. They replied with air strikes and artillery. The loyalist experiment of Delay Zev. alist government of Doku Zav gayer claimed the fighting erupted after Russians dis-covered the mutilated bodies of their comrades.

In Moscow, Mr Yeltsin dis-cussed the deteriorating situation with his prime minis ter, Viktor Chernomyrdin, but how far either man was in control of events was debat-able. Gen Lebed, who campaigned on a promise to stop the war in Chechenia and even discuss its partition, is due to fly to Chechenia soon. His idea is to divide the

province and give autonomy to the southern areas which have remained steadfast in their opposition to Russian rule. However as a symbol of its power, Russia, even under the Lebed plan, would insist on keeping Grozny, which the

While Gen Lebed maintains the respect of the military, he

The bandits decided to out is too new in the job, and the rip us," said the Russian job itself is too undefined, for ammander in Chechenia. him to stamp his authority on the situation. The senior military commanders despise the vaciliations of Moscow's politicians. Even when the latest truce was declared, Gen Tik-homirov continued his as-

saults on villages, claiming the right of hot pursuit. Each side accused the other of ceasefire violations. Gen Tikhomirov said that 47 ser-vicemen had died and 200 had been wounded in clashes since the ceasefire was

signed. The rebel spokesman, Movladi Udugov, has urged Russia to observe the ceasefire, warning of the resumption of "large-scale" war and its "tragic consequences". Some separatist units reportedly responded to Gen Tikhonirov's demands with a threat to execute all their prisoners.

Meanwhile Gen Lebed, who is in the middle of a full-scale power battle against Mr Chernomyrdin in the Kremlin, scored an important point yesterday in the appointment of a new director of the Federal Security Service (FSB). Mr Yeltsin named Nikolai Kovalyov, a career KGB offi-cer, to the job.

Mr Kovalyov ran the FSB department on economic a crackdown on corruption, which Gen Lebed has been promoting. Gen Lebed was

German feminists reject call to arms

len Traynor in Bonn

HE steady march sexual equality through Germany's institutions has hit on the biggest male bastion of all, the military. But this time it is the politicians of the right who are calling for a combat role for women, while feminists and the left argue that equal opportuni-ties should not extend to sharing the right to kill.

The row over servicethe Free Democrats, Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl's small coalition partner, launched a campaign on Monday for combat training for

Curiously, conservatives and traditionalists not usually associated with pio-neering women's rights are emerging as cheerleaders of the fighting women cam-paign, while radicals, liber-als, and the left complain that this is one equal oppor-tunity too many.

that this is one equal oppor-tunity too many.
Under the German consti-tution, women are pro-scribed from bearing arms in the military, although they may join the armed forces as medical workers and musicians. and musicians. Leading the guns-for-

women campaign, Guido Westerwelle, the Free Democrats' general secretary, described the constitu-tional ban as the 'last sexual job discrimination". On Sunday another con-servative, Volker Rühe, the

defence minister, said he wanted to see women soldiers included in patrol duties, which would require them to answer a call to arms.

He also foresaw servace women moving into hitb-erto forbidden areas such of killing" as discrimina-tion against women. He also foresaw service-

gistics, and headquarters work. "But in the future I will still be against deploying women in combat units."

Senior female politicians are not leaping to the de-fence of the pro-equality camp, however. "Women's liberation does not mean equal rights to be trained to kill," said the Greens' defence spokeswoman, Ange lika Beer.

Others argue that the sudden support for female soldiering is born not so much of concern for equal rights as of money and di-minishing military pulling

The German system of military conscription is being eroded by mass draft-dodging and a lack of fund-ing. At least as many men eligible for call-up opted to perform civilian duties last year as entered the military, making it increas-ingly hard to put together the 340,000 strong armed forces. Across-the-board spending cuts have also put pressure on the ability to

recruit While the arguments in favour of a professional-ised, all-volunteer military gain ground, the pro-equality campaigners say they do not want women conscripts to bear arms — only volun-teers who ask for weapons training.

Karin Junker, a leading feminist in the opposition Social Democrats, was "cynical to drive women into unemployment as a reserve industrial army and at the same time to want to abuse them as an army reserve.

The male Greens' spokesman, Jürgen Trittin, said it was absurd to describe

War crimes trial restarts as attempt to oust judges fails

John Hooper in Rome

HE TRIAL of the former SS officer Erich Priebke is due to resume in Rome today

after a prosecution challenge on the impartiality of the judges failed.

The 82-year-old German is being tried by a military court over Italy's most notorious wartime massacre - the killing of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome. It is expected to be the world's last Nazi war crimes

rupted last month when the chief prosecutor announced he would be seeking the

removal of the judges His petition was based on the evidence of an army general who said the presiding judge. Agostino Quistelli, had told him that he thought Mr Priebke should be acquitted. Judge Quistelli admitted that the conversation took place. the conversation took place but said the incident happened before he appointed to the trial.

A lawyer for relatives of the victims said: "The sentence whatever it is, will be marred Proceedings were inter- by shadows and suspicion."



If Diana is to be dehighnessed for her adultery and indiscretion. why should her husband escape the same fate? Catherine Bennett

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The way from Drumcree

The challenge is how to survive confrontation

the water find alien about the situation of Northern Ireland. in Northern Ireland and much of what makes the situation there so incompre- to over-dramatise an admittedly danhensible to the outside world in general. But not even the most casual British observer can be unaware that marching is - for whatever reason - a deeply-embedded tradition which has been constantly rejuvenated by events both real and imaginary. This year, faced with a renewal of IRA violence and against the background of all-party talks which many unionists view with suspicion, the marches have inevitably been a focus for a particularly strong reassertion of loyalist identity. After last year's confrontation there, it was utterly predictable that Portadown would become an instant test case for a broader balance of power, and that a state of danger would continue until at least the climactic anniversary date of July 12. The challenge of days such as these is not to pretend that they can be avoided but to work to ensure that they can be survived.

Nevertheless, it is frighteningly probable that things in Northern Ireland will get worse before they can get better. The spiral of tension, which began when the Portadown Orangemen were banned from marching down Garvaghy Road from Drumcree church, has now widened out across the province as a whole. Monday's killing of a Catholic irresponsible to have allowed it to taxi-driver in Lurgan, allegedly by a repeat itself. It is all very well the rogue UVF unit in mid-Ulster, is the politicians blaming the RUC for creatsingle most dangerous act in the north | ing the crisis by their ban. But it was since 1994. Yesterday, the tension of the politicians and community leaders which it was both a cause and effect | who forced the ban by their failure to triggered a series of further incidents, which have become unfamiliar during the period of ceasefire but which are all too reminiscent of the quarter century which preceded them: houses and cars set on fire in several towns, commercial life suspended, families forced to flee sometimes also to Srebrenica.

ULSTER'S marching season embodies | from homes in enclave areas, and more everything that people on this side of than 80 roadblocks throughout all parts

At the same time, it is important not gerous situation. The scale of even these incidents is small. Serious violence remains extremely uncommon and, even more important, deeply unpopular. There is no political mileage for anyone in the tension escalating into tit-for-tat violence, and nothing has happened which would justify the IRA in restarting its campaigns in the north. The characteristic of the loyalist paramilitaries, notwithstanding the Lurgan killing, remains caution, a tribute to the emergence since 1994 of effective political parties. Most unionist politicians have played a restraining role, while the stand-off at Drumcree is infinitely to be preferred to the more violent confrontations which occurred there last year (when the ceasefires were in force). It could even be argued that these events have produced a phase of loyalist assertiveness which is psychologically necessary to their communities and which will help to bring home, particularly to American opinion, the seriousness of their anxieties.

Nevertheless, the events of this week are also a reprimand to politicians in Northern Ireland. After last year, the Drumcree confrontation should have been foreseen more clearly, and it was defuse the routing crisis. Europe is being powerfully reminded this week of the catastrophic perils of sectarian civil war. Drumcree may seem a relatively peaceful scene, but the road from there leads not just into Portadown, but

School is still a safe place

But improvements are needed, and the cash to pay

machete-wielding man caused panic, terror and serious injuries to three children and three adults at a Wolver hampton nursery school. The new Act makes it an offence to carry a knife onto school premises, raises the maximum penalties for carrying an offensive weapon, and gives the police a new power of arrest without warrant. On the very same day that the Home Secretary was boosting his new provision ("if you carry a knife without a valid reason then you will get the punishment you deserve"), the Wolverhampton attack tragically demonstrated the limitations of the law. All three injured children needed operations for "disfiguring head injuries". The tragedy was made even more poignant by the fact that the children most exposed were attending a teddy bears' picnic - a preschool party designed to make them feel more at home when they begin school

Wolverhampton is the third serious violent incident in schools within a year. The official inquiry into the Dunblane massacre, in which 16 primary school children and one teacher died in March, is only just coming to a close in Scotland but the working party on school security, set up after headmaster Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death outside his west London school last December, has already reported. Education ministers are right to emphasise enough. Cash is what is needed.

IRONICALLY, new restrictions on car- the impossibility of making schools rying knives came into force on Mon- completely secure. The Wolverhampton the same day that the mad, school, for example, was regarded by officials as relatively secure with a site completely enclosed by walls and fences and locks on inner, as well as outer, doors. Moreover, the vulnerability of schools can be exaggerated. There are 26,000 schools. Three have suffered lifethreatening violence this year. Parents need to reassure their children of the low risk - far lower than walking along a road where five children a week die. Until Dunblane, only seven children under 16 were murdered a year. Children smoking behind the bike sheds are far more at risk: if they continue their habit into adulthood they stand a one in two chance of being killed by tobacco.

Even so, teachers, school governors and parents' associations are right to be angry at the inadequate response of ministers. No one wants schools to be turned into fortresses. Yet, just because no school can be made totally secure is no reason to delay pushing ahead with measures which could improve security. A long list of improvements was produced by the working party in May better perimeter fences, closed circuit television surveillance for particularly vulnerable schools, fewer entry points. Ministers agreed to the package but have put off producing any funds until next year. More pledges to step up protection were uttered by the Prime Minister yesterday. Words are not

Chris Patten has a party

His eye is fixed upon the job - but which one exactly?

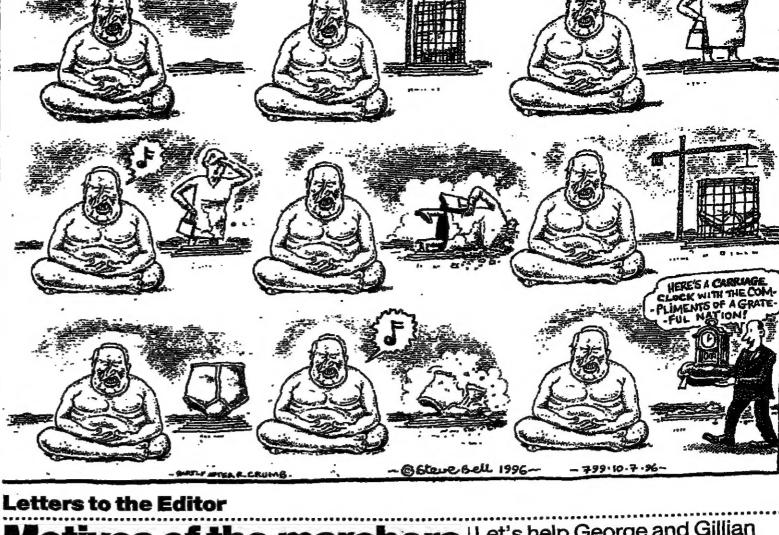
CHRIS PATTEN is governor of Hong | task entrusted to him. (He is being paid Kong for another 356 days, and it is supposed to be a full-time job. To coin a point, as a servant of the Hong Kong phrase, he is still batting for Hong Kong yet his performance on Monday in Brussels might suggest otherwise. Correspondents described him as serving future. But he is a skilled media mannotice that he would "join battle ... for the soul of the party," and stake out a "leading role" in it. That is the Conservative Party in Britain, not the Democratic Party of Hong Kong, far less the Communist Party of China. The governor has his eye on his own future and he does not mind who knows it.

Mr Patten brought a welcome breath of fresh air to the job. Out went the peaked hat and the ceremonial sword. in came the pleasant family with highly-visible daughters and dogs. But there is a tradition which he might have been wiser to preserve. As a servant of the Crown, Mr Patten should commit his undivided attention to the that it needed someone in between.

enough, tax-free, for it). More to the people, he owes it to them.

Mr Patten may say that he cannot help answering questions about his ager and there is a very simple answer which he should be using now: "I'm sorry, but please save your questions till I board my yacht on July 1, 1997."

Mr Patten is seeking to gain visa-free access to the EU for Hong Kong residents. He hopes to goad jaded consciences in Britain so that we will not wash our hands of Hong Kong in a year's time. Rattling on about British politics merely blurs the message he is trying to make. There has been a similar tendency, in dealing with China, to say too much too publicly. He is a politician who stepped into a diplomat's shoes: Hong Kong's misfortune may be



Motives of the marchers | Let's help George and Gillian get round their moral maze

LEFTWARD LURCH

GROCER'S

AVID Sharrock (Marching through history,
July 3) has bought himnito the "demographic be" thesis to explain why ing through history, July 8) has bought himself into the "demographic change" thesis to explain why the Orange Order insists on marching through Catholic

In this view, it is argued that population movement over the 27 years of conflict has shifted the sectarian geography of parade routes, so much so that marches once confined to Protestant areas now routinely pass Catholic ones, and that this originally unforeseen shift only causes trouble when "treditions." trouble when "traditional" parade routes fail to adapt to changed circumstances.

The implication is that Orange marchers are innocent of any desire to intimidate Catholics; they just forget that arees once "true blue" have turned a deeper shade of na-

thinalist green.
This thesis is wrong on two counts. First, the sectarian realignment of community in Northern Ireland has actually resulted in a decrease in the number of "flashpoints" cre-ated when Orange march routes intersect Catholic com-munities. But this decline in opportunity to provoke has resulted in a renewed determination on the part of marchers

Second, Orange marches are

ONE psychopath + one infant school + one gun =

17 dead. One psychopath + one infant school + one

machete = 0 dead. "Guns don't kill. People

do." (I never was very good at

DAVID Willetts's attack on the "Blair Eight" for

gurus, Hayek and Friedman Does the nickname "two

brains" have anything to do

with a capacity for double-think or being two-faced.

Lynne Armstrong.

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ported Buthelezi through its

correspondent, R W Johnson,

biographer of Buthelezi's

As Anthony perfectly well knows. I am not a supporter

of Buthelezi. It is also untrue

that Mr Arenstein was ever

an aide to Buthelezi and nor

have I written his biography.

though I plan a larger work in

which Arenstein — a Marxist-

Leninist to his dying breath

- will feature. The Times has

never intimated to me that it

supports Buthelezi: I would

be extremely surprised to

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inasmuch as Protestant culture often translates as Protestant supremacy.

to feel superior in some dif-fuse way; one needs someone to feel superior to. Thus Catholics provide the victims with-out which the system cannot

Even within its own premises, the "demographic change" thesis fails to explain anything serving only as a seemingly "rational" argu-ment trotted out by Orange supporters and apologists to defend their actions. Orange-ism is ugly and vicious. Don't excuse it. Michael Morgan.

TO explain the situation during the marching sea-son in the north of Ireland, let the people of this country imagine that the British National Party plans to march through Brixton in south London on an average of once every two weeks for three months, and that local residents are being asked to ac-

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HE time has come for the British and Irish governments to abandon the barbarians of Ulster. Peace and reconciliation (both of which are assential) can never be achieved while the bigots and gangsters of both sides congangstats it but shes cou-tinue their silly and danger-ous games. I suggest the following plan be put into ef-fect immediately:

 both governments issue a declaration of independence from Ulster. the EU agrees to take no interest in this bastard state;

• both governments share the cost of contructing and man-

ning a fence between Ireland and Ulster and policing the waters around it all transport links and all economic and cultural connections are severed. Without money from the

British taxpayer and support from IRA hardliners in the south, the country would quickly come to its senses. It may increase the suffering of innocent people, but has any-one a better idea? H M Keegan. London N16.

etters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent London EC1R 3ER, and by e-mail may edit them: shorter letters are more likely to appear

being rather rich coming from

7 Wistaria Close ceived "worth" of pupils also quite arbitrarily. A child may Birmingham B31 1NP. MOST Christians would agree that two aspects of be overweight, dyslexic, deaf, black, working-class or any number of a host of things which teachers consider eviour moral crisis require urwhich teachers consider evidence of lack of worth; the idea that there is an objectively "good" pupil is entirely spurious.

I would hesitate even to support the idea that what

offer is condi goodness", nor even espereward conformity. Whatever it is you are meant to be con-

T IS time for the non-religious (a majority, according to a recent poll) to be heard; why should our children have fictions and tables fed to them daily, as if they were unques-tionable truths, when other parts of the curriculum (eg RE essons) teach the need to take a critical approach? Non-be-lievers and members of non-Christian faiths should use the present debate (Letters, July 9) to begin a move to put religion where it belongs: in the private sphere, not in school assemblies.

loved Little England, he might have wondered, if England is going to be like the Loire Valley, France with Spain's climate, and Spain a 20 Norrington Grove. Birmingham B31 5NY.

series of deserts, what on earth is Africa going to be John Bainbridge. 4 Slingley Close, Seaham, County Durham SR7 0LH. DO so hope John Mortimer

enjoys global warming as much as he says he will. I can only hope he manages to entbrace the skin cancer, flooding and new disease equal readiness. Jacob Yapp.

praise not mockery for fulfill-ing his duty as Environment Secretary by spelling this out

and preparing us for the inev-itable necessity of us all hav-ing to make some serious ad-justments to our lifestyles.

Director, Local Campaigns.

F John Mortimer had looked

a little further than his be-

Robin Maynard.

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Friends of the Earth,

Hot and bothered over warming

being anti-British sits WAS distressed that John poorest nations of the world.

Mortimer (Sweaty socks in John Gummer deserves the sun-dried shires, July 6) should have adopted his ing his duty as Environment strangely with his enthusias-tic description of the German social market in his own book Modern Conservatism, and of the lessons to be learned from Japan. And there is nothing whimsical tone when dealing with global warming. The British about Willetts's own flooding of the world's fertile, and often heavily-populated deltas and a vast increase in the central arid regions of the globe are a high price to pay for the ability of Middle England to bask in a deckchair in he back garden. In the early 1990s, 350 lead-

ing scientists published a REGARDING MPs' pay Prises and Princess Diana's warning to humanity" in which they opined that man-kind has around 30 years to divorce settlement, may I quote Benefits Agency docu-ment 1768-0102: "How much change its ways fundamentally or face disaster on a money the law says you need to live on each week: £28,80 for normal living expenses." global scale — not least be-cause of global warming. They did not command a page in the Guardian. Paul Gompertz. Director, Devon Wildlife Trust 35-37 St David's Hill,

Exeter, Devon EX4 4DA. Anthony Sampson's Trather peculiar article The word from South Africa IOHN Mortimer is a wellis love me, love my party. July 8) contains the statement that "the Times had long supaide, the late Rowley Aren-

known manufacturer of fic-

tion. The facts, as far as they can be assessed by the world's best scientists, are that global warming is going to bring us all very hard times indeed, in particular to those least 10 Blvthe Hill. equipped to deal with it - the | London SE6 4UJ.

for a presenting role on the

Does the Guardian think such abuse is editorially justified. And ought you not to have pointed out that Simpson himself was auditioned

Now take that, Blanche

ARK Simpson's attack on Gaytime TV (Provocations. July 8) was notable only for its tone of blind, bilious rage. The piece was punctuated by some astonishingly personal abuse directed at the show's presenters, Rhona Cameron and Bert Tyler-Moore, much of it about their appearance.

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show? Simpson's real prob-lem isn't so much with Gaytime TV as with the whole husiness of what he calls "gay identity". What a pity, then, that he should inadvertently have revealed himself as one of its most stereotyped manifestations: that of bitchy, jealous old queen. **Neil Crombic**

Series editor. Gaytime TV.

THE Archbishop of Canter-bury (Moral crusade by Carey, July 6) is guilty of two

sins — one each of omission and commission. The omis-sion was of any unambiguous

reference to the fundamental incompatibility between social decency and the mod-

"moral relativism" is at the

unanimity, but formal reli-

gion, sectarian almost by defi-nition, cannot provide this.

Absolution leads to the morals

Such action would be more

beneficial than the occasional

THE clue to the archbishop's little tanirum is surely in

that figure of 10 per cent of the

young who would turn to the Church for moral guidance. The huge majority, in other words, no longer wish to buy Dr Carey's snake oil.

The churches are patriar-

chal, homophobic, backward-

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pious exhortation.

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(Rev Fr) Francis Bown.

St Stephen's Presbytery, 29 Westbourne Avenue,

GILLIAN Shephard has deinculcate in their young charges some notion of "mo-rality". Quits apart from this one of the most amoral gov-ernments ever to be elected, this displays a fundamental lack of understanding of how, ern god of free-market eco-nomics. The sin of commis-sion lay in his insistence that and for whom, schools work.

She claims that schools already operate a moral code by heart of our current problems and that these can be solved teaching children "right from "wrong" by rewarding good behaviour and punishing by a return to Christian fun-damentals. What we need most is indeed a language of had behaviour. This is not the case: schools reward and punish arbitrarily. Talking during class, eating sandwiches in class, forgetting one's games kit, and even smoking, are not intrinsically "bad" activities, but you will be punished for of the Inquisition and of the Tel Aviv bus-bomber.

doing any of them. Schools differentiate in per-

port the idea that what leagues in the House of Lords schools offer is education, in a campaign to reverse the much less "moral" education. | laws on divorce and abortion? tioning in the Pavlovian sense — children are forced into responding to bells at regular intervals like salivating dogs. What schools reward is not cially "intelligence"; they forming to can be changed as often as "they" desire.

Schools operate mainly for parents (and, I would offer, politicians) who do not actu-ally like their children very much. Education and morality appear very low on the hierarchy of schooling priorities. Andrew Marks. Dept of Sociology, University of Liverpool, Myrtle Street,

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looking institutions, apparently unable to distinguish between religion and morality. How about an apology for the way in which the churches have treated women? Then we might all, young and old, respect him a bit more. Clare Bainbridge University of the West of England, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 IQY.

T IS wear isome to see Leviti-cus trotted out as justifica-tion for homophobia. The authors of Leviticus had it in for shellfish too (don't eat them) but few evangelical clergy would refuse a prawn cocktail on that account. J M Farringdon. 8 Hadland Terrace, West Cross, Swansea.

A Country Diary

stunted and windswept, is a unique individual of gnarled beauty. The oaks on either flank of the ridge are taller. maintaining the line of can-opy and sheltering a low un-derstorey of billberry and wavy-hair grass. Much of the Ercall was last coppleed in the 1920s by my great uncle, Alf Wilks. But old Alf left the ridge oaks, as did his predecessors. Maybe he thought they were too runty to ever have commercial value. Maybe their strange, mysterious characters persuaded him to spare the axe.

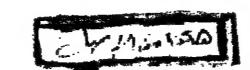
These are enchanted trees, more stone than plant. At the end of the ridge, above the quarry, the world opens. The Wrekin looms with its mo-saic woodland greens. And, across the plain of the west. Criggion rises against the edge of the sunset, all shafts

THE WREKIN: Along the Ercall's dasky ridge, the closed oak canopy is only 20 feet high. Each of these old oaks.

The wrekin: Along the Ercall of pink and orange trough the inky clouds. The granophyre or Ercallite rock-face of the quarry echoes the suncest colours. With only a family of the pink and orange trough the inky clouds. The granophyre of Ercallite rock-face of the quarry echoes the suncest colours. set colours. With only a few rabbits skittering across the cuffs. there's a deadening stiliness. Owls call from dark woods beyond the quarry floor. Suddenly, a tawny owl flickers across the path to a branch above me. Although her silhouette is dark, her eyes are darker still, and we watch each other for an instant before she vanishes. In the deep shade, the hon-eysuckle blooms are white and signal the entrance to a

path untrodden for years. It winds along a lower ridge, then dives down into a valley. In an open glade, shoulder-high in bracken and surrounded by birch and shiny hollies, darkness falls, as thick and peaty as bracken-scent. Sometimes, in a world where everything is extraordinary, nothing unusual happens.

PAUL EVANS



Diary

Matthew Norman

HE phone rings, a fax arrives, another phone rings, the same fax emerges from another machine . . . yes, it's Pete Bottomley, the excitable MP for Eltham, in one of his states. This time, it's the report here yesterday that he asked for a "big fat fee" of £600 for appearing briefly on a TV show on Sunday. Whether or not he denies this is unclear from the fax, even after repeated readings, for there is not a soul at this newspaper who speaks fluent Bolmondely. what he clearly does deny, though, is ending a phone conversation without say-ing goodbye. Partly in the hope of avoiding another House of Commons denunciation (you may recall the last one, and the confu-sion it caused), and partly out of concern for his poverty, the Diary today launches Bolmondely Relief. Foodstuffs, clothing (particularly V-neck jumpers, thick woollen socks and bobble hats), and any household items would be appreciated. Sounding relieved yesterday that help is on its way, poor Bolmon-dely, the gallant little Bel-gian of his day, made a request that his first food parcel might include Gen-tleman's Relish.

ROUBLE brews in the bitchy world of puzzle-setting. In his News of the World column, Michael drum -the old chestnut, in fact, about the man hurt in a crash in which his father dies who is taken to hospital, where the surgeon says: "I can't operate, he's my son". If you must have a clue, the puzzle relies heavily on the solver's in-ability to imagine such a thing as a female surgeon. Some may think it a little outdated, but Michael oesn't . . . and nor does Gyles Brandreth, who used it in his OK! magazine puzzie page, Brandreth's Brainstorm, a fortnight ago. Gyles won't like it a bit, and he's not pretty when he's angry. Michael, for God's sake, admit the plagiarism and pray for mercy.

EANWHILE, a fax arrives from Mi-chael's employee, John Fraser MA (Oxon), MPhil. "I was a little modest when telling you of my experience with Mr Winner," he writes. "I actually worked for him first when we were at school together some 45 years ago." After school, Mr Fraser worked him full-time in 1967". I make no apologies for spelling it out: this means that a sentient being has spent its entire adult life in the ser-vice of Mr Michael Winner.

Y attempts to give definitive guidance to orthodox Jews who are concerned about ingesting shrimps through tap water — Thames Water has received 57 complaints this year - have been mixed. A spokeswoman for the Jewish Board of Depucomment." However, Dayan David Grynhauss, a sher authority in Siamford Hill, confirmed that "all crustacea big enough to be seen by the naked eye" are strictly forbidden. The rabbi advises all concerned to "put a fine piece of cotton over the tap to act as a fil-

AM intrigued to see in the Times a large picture of Ideal Home editor Sally O'Sullivan with her dog Missie. Missie is a poo-dle. Sally's old man, meanwhile, is our old friend returned to his role as one of Monty Montgomery's top Mirror Group henchmen after his hilarlous stint editing the "Independent". So Gentleman Charlie's dog is a poodle. How well that fits he fey Glaswegian's carefully cultivated image. Pic-tures of Charlie and Missie sharing quality time would be most welcome.

MIRACEE has occurred in South Australia. Pilgrims in their way to a church in Yankalilla, Adelaide, after the priest described seeing an image of the Virgin Mary and child on the altar wall. "This has become a people's shrine," said the man who saw the vision, the Reverend Andrew Nutter.



Queen of Hearts is no longer on the cards

Commentary

Catherine Bennett

S MISS Lorelei Lee once discovered, English introduc-tions are a tricky business. "I mean some of the girls in London seem to be Ladies which seems to be the opposite of a Lord. And some who are not Ladies are honor-able. But quite a few are not able. But quite a rew are not.
Ladies or honorable either,
but are just like us, so all you
have to call them is 'Miss'."
It's a useful summary, but
more detail would be useful
for ancounters with princes for encounters with princes and princesses of the blood royal in speech, according to a guide called Titles And Forms Of Address, you should first say "Your royal highness", and subsequently "Ma'am." Any letter should be concluded, "I have the honour to be Sir (or Madam), Your Royal Highness's most humble and obedient servant." In hospital, a deferential groan or - for those under anaesthetic — respect-ful exhalation, is considered quite sufficient.

But this otherwise invaluable handbook neglects to offer any advice on the cor-rect address of Former Wives

Sons of Marquesses; Former Wives of Earls, Former Wives of Younger Sons of Earls, and Former Wives of Eldest Sons of Barons - but the authors have ignored, or deliberately dodged, a problem which will grovelling at the hem of Princess the Former Wife of a must be aware of the danger

mind. None of us. royal or otherwise, would wish to be greeted with the words.

saraid of them!"
Subsequently HRH Diana indicated that the title Diana, Princess of Wales, would meet her letter-heading needs. This seemed to repre-sent a distinct and welcome shift towards egalitarianism. At this rate, some republicans hoped, it could not be long before we were invited to address her as Citoyenne even Comrade Diena. But Diena has apparently changed her mind. Last week she was pleading with the Queen to keep the precious initials HRH

The spectacle of the unfettered Sarah Ferguson may well have weighed with Her Majesty. Then there is the question of their young high-

of the Blood Royal. Tips nesses, the Queen's grand-abound for the approved sons, who might feel lowered in public esteem without a mother of equal loftiness. But all we know of this ex-change is that the Queen de-scribed the matter as "very difficult". Much as Her Majes-

ty might thrill to the sight of a

Future King.

Not long ago, HRH the Princess of Wales seemed to favour the innovative title, Queen of Hearts. Something — perhaps a look into Alice's Adventures in Wonderland? — seems to have changed her mind. None of us, royal or our humble and obedient service, why should we continue vice, why should we continue to fawn before HRH Princess "Why, they're only a pack of Margaret? If Diana is to be decards, after all. I needn't be afraid of them!"

Subsequently HRH Diana

Subsequently HRH Diana

> Some commentators have speculated that Diana's con-tinued HRH-ness may be made contingent on her con-tributing, meekly, to the greater royal causa. But this stricture could only invite a closer evaluation of the whole pack of cards, in which status might become performance-related, and pay measured

against probity.

Far better, from the Windsors' point of view, to perpetuate the distribution of titles as an arbitrary and irrevocable gift, and to exploit the limitless deference which the English still reflexively offer to their titular betters. Out-

side the royal family there has been little demand for Diana to be de-highnessed, indeed her desire to keep every privilege conferred to her by marriage has been treated as the most reasonable thing in

The public no more expects Diana willingly to relinquish her status, than it expects the Queen to reject her sover-eignty, Prince Charles to surrender his claim to the throne, or the hereditary peers to troop submissively from the House of Lords. On the contrary, the few peers and baronets who abjure their hereditary titles are subjected to more popular as-tonishment and hostility than those who mechanically

Tony Blair likes to tease the nobility with the occasional

Who would take a second gulp of **Duchy Original if** this horrid

concoction were not manufactured by a prince?

tirade against accidents of birth in the legislature. But one of the only firm state-ments in New Labour, New Life for Britain is the guaran-tee that Britain will continue to be a subject race: "We have no plans to replace the mon-archy". Equally reassuring, for our five grades of peers, is the news that Blair's reformed House of Lords, will report to the peer that the peer that the news that Blair's reformed House of Lords, will report the person to the feet and the second to the second that the sec continue to use feudal titles. which can only sustain the credibility of the whole, an-

tique system.

Besides, a vote in the House of Lords is among the least of the perks of aristocratic pedigree. A title is a positional the Blood Royal are just like good, whose worth depends us, All you have to call them is Miss.

paintings of pugs?

Just as Lloyd George's knock-down sale of peerages did nothing to diminish popu-lar sycophancy, the high prices now paid at auction for unwanted "lord of the man-or" titles, confirms rather than subverts the value still attaching to an aristocratic handle. "Real" aristocrats may snubbingly insist that a ready-made lordship carries no advantage in their society but once inscribed on credit card and letterhead, will the unenlightened insist on the difference?

The ease with which
"Lady" Rosemary Aberdour
duped a charity out of £2.7m
suggests that those who part
with £40,000 for a lordship
will find it a cheen price for will find it a cheap price for

But to condemn those up-starts who invent or buy their positions, is to suggest that the possessors of inherited titles or life-peerages have some genuine claim on our respect. At bottom, is a real aristocrat more impressive than a pretender? Would a sham Duke of Marlborough or imitation Lord Lichfield be less estimable than the au-thentic, hereditary article? The concern surrounding Diana's future handle is a dis-

piriting reminder of the enduring respect for arbitrarily bestowed titles which have nothing to do with merit and attach to no virtue. Think: do you actually believe that a title, of itself, raises one per-son's value above everybody else's? If not, there is no reason to pay it any lip service at all. Former Wives of

spires. Nobody, one suspects, would take a second gulp of Duchy Original fruit-drink if this horrid concoction were not manufactured by a Prince of the Blood Royal. And why else would anyone buy one of Lady Palumbo's tapestry handbags, the Duke of Buccleuch's Malt Whisky, or the Duchess of Marlborough's paintings of pugs? We need MPS to make a pay Sacrifice



HIS evening MPs vote on their pay. The out-come could be a salary increase for the typical back-bencher of almost \$0 per cent, to £43,000. For the Prime Minister it could mean a rise from

684,000 to £143,000.

From one point of view it is difficult to argue with these increases. MPs' pay has not kept pace with inflation in the last 30 years, and the pro-posed increase would go only part of the way to restore its real level. Many MPs work 100-hour weeks and suffer emormous stress as a result of this and the constant public scrutiny. And it is becoming much harder to argue that there are the compensations of high status and public es-teem associated with the job.

But from another perspec-tive it would be a pity if, tonight, our public servants in Parliament were to be seen to award themselves these large increases in pay. It would come at a time when a number of other groups are flexing their muscles to fight for higher pay, from airline pilots to Tube-train drivers. With the labour market tightening and the prospect of a Labour government within the year, the circumstances are developing in which inflation could take off and the

boom-bust cycle return. More fundamentally, it would also add weight and seem to endorse the sort of self-interested behaviour that undermines the civic values on which the functioning of our society depends. It would put MPs in the same camp as would be easy to dismiss. the corporate "fat cats" who are seen to personify the grab-it-while-you-can, winner-takeall syndrome.

We live in a highly rational, individualistic culture that is Gray who are beginning to see more harm than good coming out of the "Enlightenof all sorts are becoming more transactional I hear people talk less often about their 'friends' and more often about their "networks". In network relationships, when things aren't working out we "exit", rather than exercise voice and loyalty. The terms of engagement in so many areas are becoming single-stranded and, in the case of the labour market, the cur-rency of exchange is increasingly narrowly defined in terms of money.

I doubt we can enjoy the benefits of civic society with-

circulating, and by which people can feel rewarded. The social capital that acts as the buffer between the hard edges that exist in the social and economic system is being de-pleted, and life will be less pleasant for its loss. This social capital is the stuff on which friendship is built and on which trust depends. There is a lot of it about when people use words like "vocation", "duty" and "loyalty" to describe why they behave as

they do.
You might say I sound like an old buffer. Think of the benefits that are all the time benefits that are all the time accruing from rational behaviour and transactional thinking. Without it we would still have public-sector bodies talking about "passengers" and "patients" as if they owed the people working in these organisations a living — and unresponsive to their needs as "customers". And the recent tional callings, such as medi-cine, sport, teaching and, maybe after tonight, politics, would still be allowing them-

And yet I still have worries about a society that tries too hard to organise itself on rational lines. We need groups prepared to sacrifice their narrowly defined, monetary interests to reassert the legitimacy for the rest of us of acting from higher motives. A selfless gesture by MPs could prove a critical tactical move in a strategic agenda to rebuild our social capital.

What are the alternatives? We might be optimistic that the Archbishop of Canterbury's campaign to get people to think about their moral obligations will spontaneously engage the public imagination and begin to change behaviour. I have word that this campaign could soon become ecumenical, with the Chief Rabbi stepping into the ring. But without secular authorities such as MPs (and others would be easy to dismis

OME may argue that the rational organisation of our society has still further to go and that we should continue to develop scientific becoming dysfunctional in all criteria by which jobs are social philosophers like John Gray who are beginning to see more harm than good ther remotely likely under governments of any complexas repidly changing as ours, a central agency could not classify (let alone assess the worth of) the occupations

comprising our economy.

In the absence of individual, morally inspired restraint, that leaves still higher levels of unemployment as the only alternative disciplining mechanism. It is the least desirable of the alternatives...but also the one I suspect most likely to result from the events set in train by a vote for increases tonight.

Bob Tyrrell is Chairman of the out a plurality of currencies | Henley Centre



This week's protestations of historical continuity by Orange Order marchers, argues **Fintan O'Toole**, have little to do with the past but everything to do with the present

Clockwork Orange

reported three days leter on July 15 the recollection of the oldest Orangeman in Portadown there was no demonstration in connection with the anniversary of the Battle of the

Boyne".
The local Orange lodges, complying with the request of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. cancelled their parade as a mark of respect for the men of the Ulster Division who were dying in their thousands at the Battle of the Somme. In tradition. the Battle of the Somme. Instead, in a "very solemn and impressive" church service, the Orangemen prayed for the souls of the dead, reflected on souls of the dead, reflected on everything to do with the present. If they had chosen present. If they had chosen that reparable loss, and went quietly home. They recog-nised, in other words, that. there are circumstances in placing the needs of the pres tant to keep faith with the present than to re-enact the

They could do this because, in spite of the horrors of the Somme, Ulster Protestantism in 1916 had a sense of identity and purpose vigorous enough not to be threatened by the mere absence of an annual

Eighty years later, the opposite is the case. The Oringemen of Portadown can-All this week, during the stand-off outside Portadown,

Orangemen have spoken

institution as historical automatons, clockwork men who were wound up 189 years ago and set in motion down the Garvaghy Road.

The knowledge that vio-lence and possibly death would result from their

actions, and that, in the words of Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, they

tradition.
This view of their own genuinely to repeat the past, they might have done what their forefathers did in 1916. which it is much more impor- ent above the abstract pursuit of historical continuity. They might have changed

their route to take account of the changed reality of sectarian geography, and acknowledged that the real tradition of the Orange Order itself is precisely one of adapting the symbols of the past to the needs of the present.

The best way to misunderstand the Orange marchers, indeed, is to take at face value their own protestations of hisparade because, in a real sense, the symbols of their religious and rectangle to colorates. The finite hand, the religious and political faith passing of resolutions after are all they have left. marches, even the use of the marches, even the use of the Lambeg drum — are little more than a century old, and were not used 189 years ago in

it has mattered to most Ulster Protestants only at times of political uncertainty. The late 19th century was one such time. The middle of the nineties is another. From the beginning, the Or-

ange Order has been about, not re-enacting history, but re-inventing it. The Order did not come out of William of Orange's famous victory over James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, but from a much less epic skirmish, the Battle of the Diamond, a glorified sectarian row at a County Armagh crossroads in 1795. It was inspired, not by the historical reality of William of Orange, but by the need to give the sanction of the past ans and Episcopalians. to contemporary events. Its founders were embattled people forging a weapon for present conflicts.

structed was an institution with strengths. One, embodied in initiation rituals nance to the often squalld realities of sectarian competition. Anthony Buckley of the Ulster Folk Museum, who has had more access to the secret rituals than most outsiders. notes that most of the Biblical texts used in them emphasise a common situation: "that of an individual or group living

IGHTY years ago traditions: "We have been this week, as the marching from that church the fundamental facts of Orsimilar situation of having information that fundamental facts of Orsimilar situation of having information the fundamental facts of Orsimilar situation of having information the fundamental facts of Orsimilar situation of having information in May, no fewer than reported three days painted themselves and their continuous link with the past, which had hitherto belonged five Unionist parties won herited a promised land which had hitherto belonged to somebody else". The ideal tested, tempered for the bard harsh political landscape. The Garvaghy Road, to religious Orangemen, is a local version of the plains of Jericho. The other great strength of

Orangeism is its ability to present an appearance of unity at times of division within both Ulster Protestantism and Ulster Unionism. It is easily forgotten that Protes-tantism in Ireland incorpo-The success of the Orange Order in mediating those div-

isions is the reason Orangemen are often completely sin-cere when they say that one of the pillars of their institution is religious tolerance. It is easy, watching the nakedly anti-Catholic bigotry on display at Portadown and elsewhere, to deride this as and unseen by outsiders, is a hypocrisy, but it has a four-way of giving a Biblical reso-dation in fact. The Order really is experienced by many Protestants as-a social space in which religious and class differences can be set aside. Behind the dogged insistence on preserving what are believed to be traditional Orange practices is the fear that, without the Order, Protestantism itself could collapse in a foreign land or among into a multitude of sects and factions.

The danger of disunity, The texts alluded to on banners and in emblems and rit-uals "provide object lessons again and again about the importance of maintaining their | Portadown or anywhere else. | uals "provide object lessons | obvious. The once formidable | of Black Hole, Green Card portance of maintaining their | Their origins in the late | in how the Israelites and later | monolith of Ulster Unionism | Disappearance Of Ireland

five Unionist parties won seats. As well as the longstanding division between the Official and Democratic Unionists, there are now the the loyalist paramilitaries and Robert McCartney's secularising UK Unionists

The depth and ferocity of these divisions was on public display at the opening of the negotiations last month, with Paisley and McCartney accus-ing Trimble of selling out the Union, and the loyalist fringe parties accusing the other Unionist parties of conspiring to exclude them. Never before has Unionism been so openly divided within itself. The appeal of the Orange

Order as a symbol of Protestant and Unionist unity is, in this context, obvious. The rallying-call from Portadown may be based on a spurious notion even of Orange tradi-tion itself, but it revivifies the simplifying myth of a steadfast people defending its an-cient rights.

David Trimble and others in the Unionist leadership must know how thin this illusion really is. Even if the Orcictory — the futile gesture of walking down a street protected by ranks of armed policemen - is pathetic. When such symbols take on

such importance for their own sake, it is clear that the confident unity of purpose they are meant to be symbols of really is a thing of the past.

Fintan O'Toole is a columnist moreover, has seldom been so with The Irish Times and puthor obvious. The once formidable of Black Hole, Green Card: The

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The Guv'nor . . . Neesham

rather dubious contemporaries," said a former col-league this week, "Don was a

natural leader who got a lot of loyalty from his men. Villains treated him with a mixture of

fear and respect.

He had five years as commander at the Flying Squad before resigning earlier than

happy that three of his ser-

tention for years between the provincial forces, who were wary of some of their London

colleagues and Scotland

The fuss over the issue cast a cloud over his departure although Neesham himself

denied reports that he had

hierarachy at Scotland Yard.

At the time, be said of his

officers: "I have a great admi-ration for the chaps who work under me and naturally I

don't like to see them in this

sort of predicament."

He retired to his home in
Hampton Hill, Middlesex and

was subsequently awarded the Queen's Police Medal.

Neesham's interest in rugby

continued despite his failing health and he was a regular

supporter of the Metropolitan

police team. He was turning up for their home games until

the end of last season. He was

a former Chairman of the Met-

ropolitan police rugby club and had played for both the British police rugby team and

for Surrey. He married Audrey Edser in

1950 and they had twin sons

Yard.)

Raaj Kumar

Prince of heart strings

HE SCREEN image of Rasj Kumar, who has died aged 68, created two popular myths amongst indian filmgoers. For four decades his fair skin, chaste Urdu, elegant bearing and deep, resonant voice led many to believe that he was a de-scendant of a Muslim royal family, while his image as a man who nobly sacrificed his love for the sake of a brother or friend in hits like Wagt or friend in hits like Waqt (Time, 1965), Kaajal (Kohl, 1965) and Mere Huzoor (My Lord 1966) Lord, 1968) gave the impres-sion that he had remained a

The reality was that Kumar was born a Hindu Kashmiri brahmin, Kulbhushan Nath Pandit in Sialkot in what is now Pakistan. He was bappily married with children.

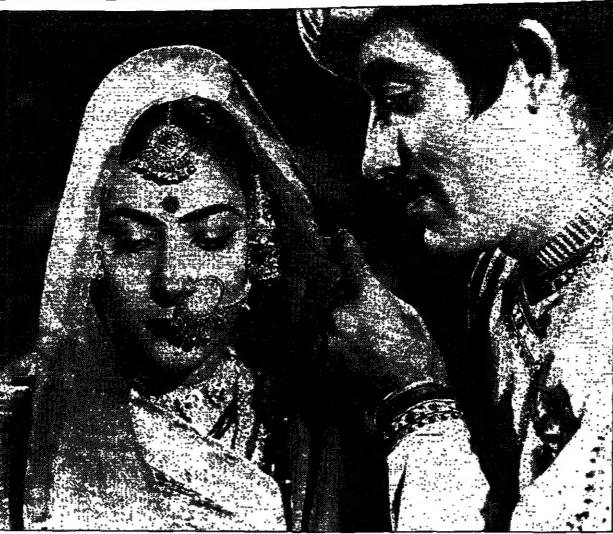
Kumar's entrance into films was nearly as dramatic as the was hearly as dramatic as the roles he played. He was a Bombay police officer and while investigating a theft at the home of Urdu writer and actress Ismat Chughtai, his voice so affected Chughtai that the accuracy his debut in that she arranged his debut in 1950 in "Bollywood" — the Bombay film industry through her filmmaker hus-band, Shaheed Latif.

60 films, and two classics -Mehboob Khan's Mother India (1957) and Kamal Amrohi's Pakeszah (The Pure, 1971) won him a place in the annals of Indian cinema. Questions about him are often included in the Indian TV movie trivia quiz, Bollywood or Bust. Mother India is an epic.

comparable with Gone with the Wind. Here, Kumar plays an exploited Indian farmer who loses both hands while removing a massive stone from a tract of infertile land, The film documents the seizure of the rural poor's land by money-lenders after inde-pendence. It also documents the struggle of the common people for dignity and how the sacrificing spirit of the tradi-tional Indian mother — played by Nargis Dutt — has held Indian society together. It was Yash Chopta's 1965

blockbuster Wagt in which Kumar played a thief, that made him a popular star. The film's dialogue is still mimicked by cinephiles.

Then, in 1971 came Pake zah, director Kamal Amrohi's dream project. It had been nearly a decade in the making, partly because of the separation of Amrohi from his wife,



An Indian epic . . . Kumar (right) in one of his most successful films, Mehboob Khan's Mother India, 1957 PHOTOGRA

the film's female star, Meens Kumari's death — immediately after the film's release — a living.

Kumari. Here, Kumar played the scion of an upper-class Muslim family who abandons everything to marry a courte-san played by Kumari. The audience greeted every dramatic interpretation by Kumary with a superbit of change scripts to change scripts to boost his new process of the proces intervention by Kumar with thunderous applause, the film's sweeping score came from the maestros Ghulam Mohammed and Naushad, and anart from Kumar's acting,

for pressuring acreenwriters to change scripts to boost his role, which often killed the projects. He was also famous for his party pranks; it was said that he would — deliberately or inadvertently - ask young stars who they were

Someone Else's Love) in 1960, on the control of the

appearing in films devoid of the old magic. One of his last appearances was in Subhash Ghai's 1991 blockbuster Sau-angar (Trader); It bombed at the bar office.

He leaves his wife, two some and a daughter.

Lailt Mohan Joshi

Raiph Carr

Engineering the way to victory

of logistical support troops in the front line was vividly illustrated by the wartime career of Lieu-tenant-Colonel Raiph Carr of the Royal Engineers, who has

Carr led a charmed life in the Mediterranean campaigns of North Africa, Greece, the Levant and Normandy, only to be all but killed by his own side in the last phase of the war, when the RAF mistak-enly bombed his unit in north

where his officer father and mother were stationed before the first world war. He went from Repton school to the army academy at Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1934. He completed his engineering degree at Cambridge in 1936 and was posted to Palestine. then a British mandate, during a period of Arab-Jewish

In the Middle East, Carr saw front line and staff service in the headlong drive to force the Italians out of North Africa. earning an unusually early MBE. The campaign would have ended in triumph in 1941 but for Churchill's disastrous decision to divert large forces to the defence of Greece.

Carr and his sappers blew up viaducts and mined roads, but could only delay the inexorable southward advance by the blitzkrieg experts of the Wehrmacht. By May he was

HE VALUE and valour | In June he led his engineers into a bitter struggle against the Vichy French, helping a mixed bag of Free French. Commonwealth and French colonial units to overcome collaborationist forces in Syria and Lebanon. By the time Carr returned to North Africa in autumn 1942, Rommel's Afrika Korps had undone the good work of 18 months ear-lier and was poised to attack Egypt. Now a major, Carr was given command of a new RE unit, the 21st Field Squadron, tense mine-clearing operation to facilitate a major advance, part of the battle of El Alsmein in October 1942. For this dangerous task under massive artillery fire, Carr won his first DSO in the field

After the Eighth Army's vic-tory under General Bernard for the operations which crushed the Axis forces between the British from the east and the Americans, who rocco in November 1942, During the last six months of the North African campaign, Carr was wounded for the first time when he trod on a German mine during clearance operations. Luck and training saved

him from permanent injury. Convalescing from his leg wounds, Carr returned to Brit ain in November 1948 - only to be sent off to train for D Day, when his unit was at-tached to the famous 51st (Highland) Division. Carr sur-



Man of action . . . Carr

vived the hard struggles for Normandy and southern Hol-land, as well as the German Army's last offensive in the Ardennes at the end of 1944 and the crossing of the Rhine. He won the bar to his DSO for leading the successful construction of a bridge over a

ranced north and east across the north German plain. Carr's men cleared minefields for the infantry. In February, the sappers were far enough ahead of the division to be mistaken for the German front line by the RAF, which bombed them. Carr was hit in the head by shrapnel and lay

in a coma for a month. Saved from death by a series of brain operations. Carr tried to resume his army career in staff posts, but repeated spells in hospital forced him to retire with a disability pension in 1951.

ing and also wrote his war-time memoirs, published in 1994, when he was 80. He leaves two daughters.

Henry Raiph Carr. soldier. born March 14, 1914; died June 19

Peter Dorrell

Monumental imagery

ETER DORRELL, who has died aged 68, combined his interest in archaeology, photography and geography as lecturer in archaeological photography at the London Institute of Archaeology. He was a great photographer whose imaginative eye for composition made even the most dull archaeological detail look exciting. His 1989 Photography in Archaeology and Conservation will long be the standard text

book on the subject.
Dorrell's career began in wartime Fleet Street as a process photographer. Postwar National Service in Egypt and Palestine introduced him to the Near East, which would As the Highlanders ad- become his particular interest. He then took a geology and geography degree at Birk-beck College while renewing his involvement with the Unity Theatre, where he had acted and directed during the war. He later married Sheila, another cast member.

With Shella he attended Gordon Childe's classes at the Institute of Archaeology. Dorrell's aptitude brought him to the attention of osteologist figures in environmental

photography with a then ama-teur interest in archaeology. Cornwall employed him as site photographer on his Tor Brian cave excavation in Devon and was instrumental in securing Dorrell's position as archaeological photogra-pher at the Institute. There, the pieces of his personal jig-

saw fell into place. Dorrell's published work included papers on photographic methods, essays on Levantine geology and geo-morphology, articles on Near Eastern archaeology and contion photography included Kathleen Kenyon's excavations at Jericho and Jerusa lem, Diana Kirkbride's at Um Dabaghiya in Iraq, David Oates's at Tell Rimah in Iraq and Tell Brak's in Syria, and Peter Parr's at Tell Nebi Mend in Syria. His archaeological expertise meant he often supervised excavation areas where he proved a su-

Dorrell was the ultimate calming influence. In long hot seasons, with small teams of

archaeology, who recognised people closeted together for his potential to combine a weeks, tempers would often professional knowledge of become frayed. He maintained stability through his charm, humour and sensitiv-

> For the past 10 years, Dor-rel was in his element as associate director of the British Museum's Jordan Valley Tell es-Sa'idiyeh excavations. Freed from the responsibility of site photography, he loved to become absorbed in solving complex archaeological prob-lems. His wisdom, common sense and humour made him the project's anchor — and he turned his practical skills to erecting shelves and fixing showers. At meal times, Dorrell's interests, from Shakespeare and Hegel to singing Scottish ballads, joking and reminiscing, delighted the ex-

cavation team. Archaeology has lost a great photographer, a great archaeologist and one of its most endearing characters.

Jonathan N Tubb

eter Gordon Dorrell, archaeol ogist and photographer, born February 1, 1928; died May 31,

Letter

the New York writer Joseph Mitchell (Obituary, May 30), but he has been a very impor-tant person in my life. I first encountered — and recom-mended — McSoriey's Wonderful Saloon at the end of the 1950s when I sold books from a Charing Cross Road street stall late at night. It was a book that was completely fascinating to me and my musician friends to whom New York was really a legend. When I first visited New York in 1972 I made a pilgrimage to McSorley's. It was ex-actly as Mr Mitchell described

Don Neesham

A good man in the Met

few greater contrasts than that between Don head of the Metropolitan police's Flying Squad who has died from cancer aged 72, and the man he succeeded, Com-

mander Ken Drury.
While Drury was the epitome of the bent and greedy detective who so damaged Scotland Yard's reputation in Scotland Yaru's reputation as the 1960s and 1970s and was jailed for five years for taking bribes. Don Neesham was seen as the straight copper who liked nothing better than successful concluding investigations.

investigations.
An imposing figure known as "The Guv'nor" by his colleagues, in 1973 he took over one of the most prestigious posts in the service at a time when the reputation of the Met's detectives was hadly tarnished by Drury and his ilk routinely taking back-handers. It will be for that period of his courses when he period of his career, when he was trying to rebuild the shattered morale of the squad, that he will be best

his health and that of mem-bers of his family were the sole reasons for leaving, but he admitted that he was un-The son of a train driver, he was born in Bishop Auckland in 1924 and educated at Queen geants had just been disci-plined and fined for crossing Elizabeth Grammar School in Darlington, starting his workforce boundaries without per-mission. (Boundary-crossing ing life as a clerk at the Prudential Insurance. had been a police bone of con-

He enlisted in the Royal Air Force in 1942 and was trained in South Africa. During his time in the services he emerged as a highly regarded rugby player, representing the British Forces as a wing-

Joining the Metropolitan Police in 1946 after being de-mobbed, he had early experience as a detective and went on to win 15 commendations for his skill and bravery. He had a particularly good re-cord of bringing murder in-vestigations to successful conclusions and won rapid

As a detective inspector in 1963, he was one of the officers involved in the Great Train Robbery inquiries, escorting some of the culprits to Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight after their convictions. One of the robbers who recalled him described him

this week as "a decent bloke". But what perhaps was most remarkable was that he managed to swim with his head aged to swim with his head above the increasingly murky waters that were lapping at the door of Scotland Yard in the dark days before Sir Rob-ert Mark became Commis-sioner of the Met between 1973 and 1977 and set to work on his clear-up and clean-up.

"He was a man who stood | Don Neesham, detective, born 3

and a daughter.

out compared to some of his | February, 1924; died June, 1996.

******************** Ron Gould writes: I never met it. The only difference was

that they let my wife and two young children in. Over the years I have loaned my old Penguin of McSorley's to young and old. Unfortunately my copy has gone and the book is out of print. I redoubled my search after hear-ing Eli Wallach reading McSorley's brilliantly on Radio 4's Book at Bedtime. I mourn its loss. Then at Christmas 1992. I

received a parcel from Professor Lee Haring of Brooklyn

College, containing a copy of Down at the Old Hotel. I have read and re-read it, I loaned it to my youngest daughter, she never got to McSorley's itself, and her friends. So there are now young people who know that there is more to New York than druga, crime, and bright lights; that there aren't any "little people"; and that descriptions of places, people and commentions can be descriptions. and occupations, can be done with love and sensitivity and can be as gripping - no, more gripping — than sensation and sleaze.

I always meant to write to Mr Mitchell to thank him for his wonderful stories. Perhaps printing this might persuade a publisher that Down at the Old Hotel does have an audience in this country, so that I won't have to keep asking young people to sign their life away when I loan them my copy. Farewell Mr Mitchell you are sorely missed.

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Jackdaw

Two's company

I'VE BEEN away to Tenerife

and now I'm off for two weeks

Cancun in Mexico. It's a good idea to go with someone differ-

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Alex Seligman, aged 21, mar-keting student, gives advice on

multiple travelling partners for

CONCERNING breasts. I've

always felt very lucky: I have

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ments on the first.

Jewish Chronicle.

Breast it

Winnie Ewing, president. Scottish National Party. 67:Stephen Hickey, princip

have adorned or left alone ac-

cording to my will. I'm not opposed to using bras like cos-metics: the Flower Bali for a 50's ever-so-slight bullet-bra

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cut out recreates the Rudi

A nursing bra with the panels

Gernreich look of the 60's. For maximum effect, ice your nip-

ples for half an hour before

you go out, like Jean Harlow. I like foam rubber because

like bleached-blonde hair, its

so obviously take that it takes

on a new meaning. I have have merry widows, bustiers, and

push-up bras galore; I have

been known to argue — after a few cocktails, — on the advan-tages of the Cadillac bra from

Frederick's of Holly wood over

the Wonderbra. (The Cadillac

is cheaper and infinately

tory is far cooler.)

more evocative, and its his-

Even when I'm perfectly

sober, I have recommended

bras to women I know only

slightly, as brazenly as a New

York department store linge-

Dunlop, racehorse trainer, 57: | 51; Sir Leslie Porter, former chairman, Tesco, 76, Brian Priestley, jazz musician, 50, Sir Wyn Roberts, Conserva-tive MP. 66: Reg Smythe. (Andy Capp) cartoonist, 79; Gavin Strang, Labour MP. 53; Josephine Veasey, mezzosoprano, opera sincer, 66. Vir-ginia Wade, tennis commen-

rie saleswoman: "Hon, you

should try this bra. if deive

you a nice silhouette. I swear

it takes two inches off my waist." At al-gal clothes-swap

ping parties I have given out

For maximum seduction

value, strip to your bra and

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man's nose into your cleav-

age. Either way, he'll be less

shocked to detect that you've

shrunk a fuli cup size. I also

like to put Maybelline Body

shimmer on my cleavage for

Tits are fun. I reject the

hopelessly square idea that

breasts only function as feti-

glittering disco boobs.

shized objects and that

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theirs are playing into the

sweaty hands of patriarchy. I

don't care if people stare at my

chest with lust in their hearts.

I mean. I don't mind if they do.

but I like my breasts for one

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Boiled bird

How to crack astriches with Ostrich Hor d'hoevres Thinly slice 8 pieces of os-

trich fillet and smoke them in smoker until tender. Serve with grilled ostrich sausages, cantaloupe slices and a pars-

Ostrich Stir-Fry Slice ostrich into 12 x 2 inch strips. Marinate in Teriyaki sauce, or soy sauce for at least 4 to 6 hours. Add oil to the wok and heat to very high. Add ostrich meat until done. Set aside. Cook vegetables in wok and just prior to serving return ustrich meat to wok for about 45-60 seconds. Serve over fried or boiled rice or

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We look forward to a future

Car prayer TURN THE other cheek, by

your car windows are wound up first. That, more or less, is the advice offered to victims of road rage, by a resurgent



group called the Christian Road safety Association. So what should the right thinking Christian do if con-fronted at the traffic lights by red faced maniac? Ms. Hutchings advice is to keep calm and "Try to discuss mat ters as diplomatically as possible". If that falls and the other person gets out of the

car, still angry, stay in yours and lock all the doors. Close the windows, keep the engine running, and sound the horn to attract attention. The Christian Road Safety Association slogan is "care and prayer on the road saves

Christian attitude to road rage in the Church Times.

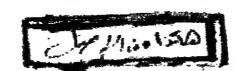
Fans & fame

FAME is something you can buy. Or so says Lissa Negrin, the creator of Rent-a-fan Club in Los Angeles. At a starting price of \$200, would be Hollywood stars can rent a posse of screaming fans, complete with autograph hunters and paparazzi photographers, to follow them around town. Her clients are generally

or when they land at a Los Angeles airport after a trip. Negrin collects as much per-sonal information about her victims as she can, writes a script for the occasion and then casts a group of profes sional actors with a knack for improvisation. "Sometimes we get people who are having dinner with their agent and want us to light a little fire," Negrin explains. "We might pass by the table and and do a double-take and say, Excuse me. I don't normally do this but I saw you on ER last night and I thought you were absolutely terrific . . . "She concedes that of the Hollywood wannabees who have taken advantage of her service, none has yet made it to the top. Desperate measures in Hot

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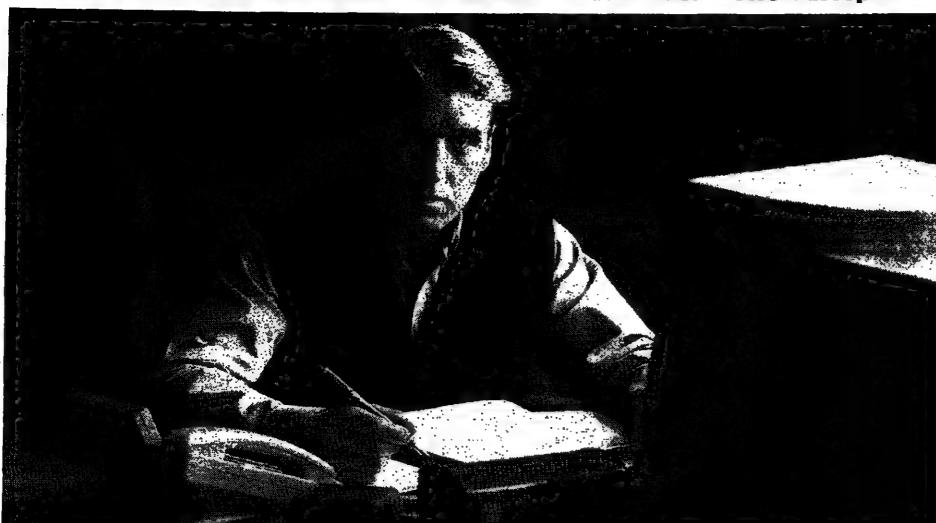
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COPPER CRISIS: 'I do not believe, in my heart, that there is any scandal here,' insists £15m-a-year commodities trader. PAUL MURPHY and PATRICK DONOVAN report



Vincent denounces jealousy of the 'character assassins'

the victim of a "cynical character assassination" attempt. Although questions have been raised about alleged links between Winchester and Yasuo Hamanaka, the chief metal trader at Sumitomo who was sacked after the discovery of unauthorised trading losses running to more than \$1 billion (£640 million), Mr Vincent says: "I do not believe,

in my heart, that there is any scandal here."

He continues: "I could be completely wrong, but I know Hamanaka to be an honourable man . . . I will be very sad if what is alleged proves to be

Speaking to the Guardian from Monte Carlo for the first time since this newspaper revealed six months ago that Winchester was under investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority, Mr Vincent cites the "British disease" of knocking snyone who rises above the norm: "If you are ful, if you create something from scratch, you are imstal." No action was taken by the SFA as a result of its

inquiries. Mr Vincent says he is spending time establishing a charitahie foundation. "I enjoy work-ing with children that perhaps don't have the chances that I have today. They know the heart and soul I have as a

Winchester has certainly been successful --- and controversial. In two years (to spring business partner, Ashley Levett, paid themselves £25 mil-

"Sitting where I am sitting now and knowing what I

know. Initially, the regulator's concerns centred around a single transaction, involving 23 hillion or more of copper, struck in summer 1998 between Winchester and Sumitomo. The transaction has bedeal". Mr Vincent said he wanted

to right some wrongs, to clear up some mis-reporting of this transaction. "Radr", he said, was the codename for Winchester's own trading position. Sumitomo had, in effect, arranged to buy in excess of 1 million tonnes of copper over three years through Credit Lyomais Rouse — a London Metal Exchange member "clearing broker", settling Winchester bargains on the

Winchester (a client of Rouse and an "introducing broker") was the counterparty to this \$3 billion trade, going "short" by more than 1 million tonnes. Mr Vincent said "Magn", another Winchester codensme previously thought

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HARLES Vincent, | thing untoward," Mr. Vincent | to be part of the Radr deal, | tion," he said. "But we had the | lost a number of clients be | "was another account for a resources, financial and mana"The SFA has been trying completely unrelated deal".

"I'd on't know whether the strict credit controls and we was another account for a resources, financial and managerial, to be able to deal with it. Remember, Rouse have very strict credit controls and we authorised tomo sffair. But what I do know is that Rouse and Winchester operated, in confuction above board."

Mr Vincent said that while the SFA may have taken months looking into the Radr deal, suspecting it might have been structured to land Winchester a guaranteed multi-million pound pay-off, the regulator was informed about the transaction before it was even pletely aware of the transaction we were doing Rouse went to the SFA and said. 'How should we margin this?' before it had even been

Many months later, the SFA declared that Winchester had done nothing wrong. The mar-ket whispers have not gone away. Mr Vincent has read all the allegations in the press to him, any mention of "brown envelopes" is "incredible".
"We were unwinding that transaction for several

months it was a large transac-

rre a client. We have to abi by their credit guidelines." It is widely believed that, for a long time, Rouse held an option to buy 20 per cent of Winchester, but Mr Vincent said simply: "There are a number of financial arrangements between Rouse and Winchester."

He resents the linking of his business with police raids in Guernsey in May, a month before the Sumitomo scandal broke. Documents from a trolled by Ian Tickler, chairman of Midlands-based engineering group Arthur Shaw, were seized. Mr Tickler's

house was raided. "There is no underhand linkage between Winchester and any Guernsey compa-nies," he says, adding that the main association is through metals broker Michael Shaeffer, who manages some

that have been made."
Mr Schaetler met Mr Tick ler through Shaw, which wanted to improve its dealings in zinc. Subsequently, one of Mr Tickler's Guernsey-based companies, Vulcania, became a client of Rouse and traded through Winchester.

fills in some of his own curporate history: niche in the market in 1991. There was room for a trading commany to sit off market bars and the coffee-shop talk in the City, to sit back, have its own proprietary trading account and give the market a ense of confusion. That, in turn, attracted a number of

large institutions.
Those clients liked trading through Winchester for two reasons. One, they were quoted a price and they knew they could deal on it. Secondly, money in Guernsey for a sub-sidiary, Winchester Asset Management. "WAM did [LME] brokers did not know manage between \$70 million whether it was Winchester and \$100 million, but we have trading for its own account or

> In Mr Vincent's eyes, the regulators have not got to grips with this. He uses the analogy of a learner driver correctly checking his mir-ror. After passing his test, he drives like everyone else, falling to check his mirror regu-larly. "The SFA do not understand the concept of a general market code of conduct. You cannot regulate a market by a rule book."

But rules are rules, of course, and the metals trader says he stands ready to talk to any regulator or policeman who wonders whether he has

and discretion was there.
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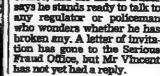
trigger. But to reload and to think where your next target is going to be and to get your risk management in place is a

whole different concept.

There is a real lack of risk management, globally, and it

market-making teams.





Ken's sleeve is not empty yet



Edited by Alex Brummer

HE City is becoming acclimatised to missed forecasts for government borrowing. Having twice had to sharply revise its borrow-ing requirements last year (in the summer forecast and the 1995 Budget) the Treasury is at it again.

Its pessimistic projections for the public finances — despite some slightly generous growth assumptions for this year and next — have again undermined the prospects for pre-election tax cuts, if the Major administration limps on through the Budget. It also means that a new Labour government, committed to financial and national security orthodoxy, may have little flexi-bility — utility taxes or not to deliver the improved education and health services which voters have customarily expected of their party.
The deterioration in the
public finances, were they delivered by an unproven Lab-

our Administration, might be enough to provoke problems on the financial markets. Fortunately, from Chancellor Ken Clarke's point of view the Tories are still, able to finess matters.
In the last financial year,

the PSBR, the difference between what the government collects and spends, was £3.2 billion higher than forecast in the last Budget, this year the overshoot is put at £4.5 billion rising to a worrying £8.1 billion in 1997-98 when the deficit will be £23.1 billion.

There are two reasons why public finances have failed to cause they put their balls on move more towards balance Winchester is not unique, its fifth year of economic ex-pension. Pirst, like the PSBR, Mr Vincent argues. "Look at the 16 or so firms that dealt the forecast for output, growth appears to be written through rose tinted glasses. substantial business with Susubstantial business with Su-mitomo — the Merrill Lynches, the JP Morgans, UBS, Bankers Trust — they have all made unbelievable This year, at best, growth is now expected to be 2.5 per cent which is three-quarter of a point less than projected in the November Budget and still ahead of most private amounts of money. That

assittor forecasts. Next calendar year, perhaps "If Sumitomo had not lost the money that it does seem to have lost, would we still have our head in the noose? Theories are coming from people whose ideas are coming from a pile of jealousy." He continues: "I have spent many hours doing presentations to big banks and institutions, explaining that anyone can sit in a room and pull the with some more justification as real personal incomes rise growth is seen at 3.25 per cent. To reach this, however, will require a sharp lift in consumer expenditure by 4.5 per. cent, the kind of unsustainable UK boom which in the past has had serious balance of payments and inflationary CONTRACTUATIONS.

> in receipts at a time when, remarkably, expenditure has been kept within the control totals set in the public spend-ing round. But the tax situation has been rather different.
> All three major groups of tax collections - income tax, corporation tax and VAT— are sharply down. In 1985-96, the biggest shortfall on corpo-ration tax appears to be partly due to some technical

The second problem for the PSBR has been the shortfall

errors, although with company profits now starting to moderate there is no reason to look forward to strong

The VAT shortfall of £0.9 billion is more mystifying in that VAT in relation to increased consumer spending has been dropping, perhaps suggesting that this form of taxation has reached saturation levels. Finally, income tax also fell short by £0.8 billion, adding to the PSBR overshoot.

There is a theory that the Treasury having been wrong in its tax estimates in the 1995-96 financial year has been overcautious in its collection estimates for the two years ahead, thus giving itself room for some surprise tax cuts in November, Perhaps, but missing tax receipts together with privatisation shortfalls could become habit-

forming. It might have been thought that the worsening of govern-ment finances, with an increased requirement for debi markets off course. But not a

The view is that in order to meet the ambitious growth forecasts, the Chancellor, inhibited on fiscal policy, will have some further base rate cuts up his sleeve and will exercise his monetary prerogative despite the reservations of the Bank of England. But the bond rally could quickly snuff itself out should signs of a typical UK end of cycle boom emerge.

Granada games

HB DITs decision not to refer Granada's acquisition of Forte to the MMC looks predictable enough.

However, Ian Lang's announcement also is good news for Granada, in that it now has the data it wanted — April 25 pext year -it has to sell the 2 Break motorway services it

acquired as part of the deal. Under the deal Forte struck with Whitbread, announced as part of its defence package, if Welcome Break was subse-quently sold for a higher price than Whitbread had been prepared to pay, then Whitbread would receive half of the difference, so long as Granada sold the business on before the end of the year.
Mr Lang's decision now

been given the green light to string the sale out at least until the end of the year thus depriving Whitbread of a windfall. A satisfying outcome for Granada which resented Whitbread's intervention on

While this is cheering for Granada, it does mean that it will have a virtual monopoly on motorway services in the meantime, controlling 56 out of a total 70. This may be less advantageous for the consumer despite some price con-

Similarly, the way in which Granada has dragged its heels in giving an undertaking to the Office of Fair Trading on the sale of Welcome Break had every interest in prolonging its monopoly for as long

Polygram heads bids for studio of the stars at MGM

Mark Tran In How York

HE auction of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, once Hollywood's most glamorous studio, reaches a climax tomorrow as contenders put their best bids on

"It's time to get real," said one executive close to MGM, hoping the last round in this poker game will push the bidding beyond \$1 billion (£600 million).

group Polygram, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp or Morgan Creek-Safari. The last two originally put in separate bids but pooled their efforts to mount a more credible effort.

Morgan Creek has the backing of Warner Bros. Time Warner's film studio, and Safari is a consortium

comprising Capella Films and leveraged buy-out firm Rockport Partners, which is led by former Drexel Burnham Lambert strategist Peter Ackerman. The bids are thought to

range from News Corp's \$1 billion to the highest bid of \$1.4 billion. Polygram is said to have emerged as the leading candidate to take MGM off its present owner, which iddes from the book of the present owner, crisis-ridden French bank Crédit Lyonnais. Polygram has a strong financial posi-The winner is almost certain to come from Dutch plenty of borrowing capacity to finance the

It also needs a studio if it is to become a leading entertainment player. Formed in 1924, MGM was once Hollywood's big-

gest and richest film studio boasting stars such as Greta Garbo, Clark Gable and Jean Harlow.

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lion aniece — profits drawn, in part, from their dealings with Mr Hamanaka.

Winchester has been enormously successful, and why has that happened? It is because they put their balls on the line to trade' Charles Vincent

Men in the middle . . . Charles Vincent (above) and Ashley Levett (right) paid themselves £25 million each in the PHOTOGRAPHS: SOLIDIT AND NEWS TEAM

stantial, I have never seen any-Pilkington glass full up | Meter plans in hot water

IR Antony Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, received a one-off payment of £339,000 on his retirement, according to the

group's annual report pub-lished yesterday. The payment, which was made in respect of untaken leave and which included a "terminal bonus" based on 1987. "terminal bonus", brought his total pay to £473,000.

But because Sir Antony retired on July 20 last year, and because filkington's innancial year starts on April 1,
that figure was effectively for
less than four months work.
This compares with the

Officetry to his main employer. Sincere activity the proceeds would reduce group debt.

Sir Nigel, who is Pilkington's reduce group debt.

First non-executive chairman, was the first chairman to down 3p at 182p. and because Pilkington's fi-

2485,000 he received for the come from outside the found whole of the previous financial year.

Sir Antony, a fifth genera former chairman of tion member of the family which founded Pilkington in 1826, was with the company for 36 years. He became an executive director in 1973 and chairman in 1980, and was

> that it had paid the £80,000 salary of Sir Antony's replacement, Sir Nigel Rudd, directly to his main em-

ing family and Pilkington.
At the same time, Pilking ton's chief executive, Roger Leverton saw his total pay package jump from £432,000 to £447,000, despite a reduction

in his annual bonus payment. The disclosures came as Pilkington announced the sale of its loss-making contact defending Pilkington against the hostile bid from BTR in 1967.

Pilkington also revealed for \$75 million (251 million). In a statement, Pilkington said the sale would complete its withdrawal from its Visioncare activities and that

the proceeds would be used to

Pilkington shares closed

reduce group debts.

Rebecca Smithers and

"HE Consumers' Association last night threat-ened to challengs the Government in the courts over its alleged plans to introduce water metering. Speaking after a heated Commons debate in which ministers were accused of

coming close to acting illegally, CA director Sheila McKechnie told MPs on the all-party parliamentary water group that the organisation was considering whether to force a judicial review of govenvironment secretary Frank | furce directives under consid-boson that industry regula-tur Ian Byatt was promoting | In its annual report, Oferation. In its annual report, Ofmetering so excessively "that wat's National Customer he may be breaking the law". Council said a revised drink-Mr Dobson accused minising-water directive could land ters of following a "hidden water companies with a £2 billion bill for the replace

agenda" to promote metering. **Environment Secretary** John Gummer insisted the Government was not in favour of compulsory water metering.
He claimed Labour was pursuing "a few short-term votes by fundamentally anti-

environmental policies' The parliamentary clash came as consumer represen-tatives from the Office of ernment policy on meters.

Ms McKechnie's threat followed accusations by shadow

Water Services (Ofwat) said cil said consumer interests ought to be better represented in Brussels.

could raise costs further. Estimating that household bills would rise by £5.30 a year on average to fund the drinking-water law, the com-

ment of lead pipes. A direc-tive to improve bathing water

would force up the costs of

water companies with coast-lines. A "water resources

framework directive" is also

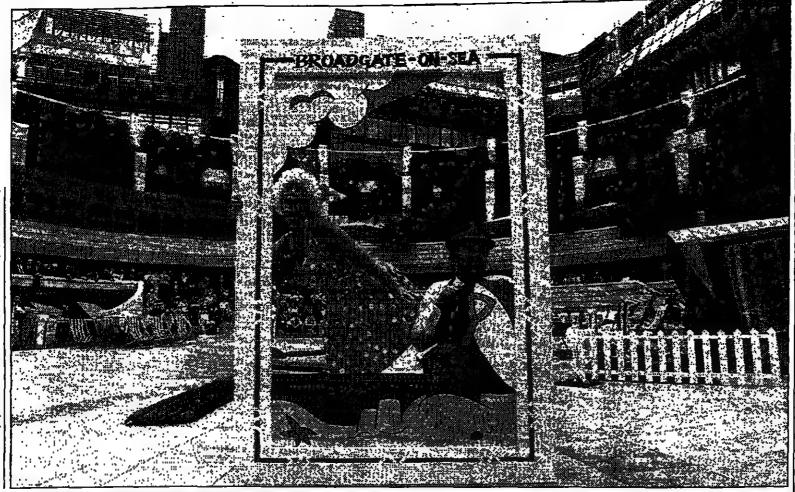
said to be a possibility and

Seaside sauce in the City

FFICE workers enjoyed a dose of seaside sauce yesterday when the National Theatre Company transformed the Broadgate Arena in the City of London into a seedy coastal resort.

The arena, was dotted with sandcastles, deckchairs and cheeky seaside characters as the street theatre company attempted to recreate the traditional Hi-De-Hi holiday atmosphere — turning the area into Broadgate-on-Sea.

The entertainment which will keep office workers amused through their lunch breaks for the rest of the week, is one of the highlights of the City of London festival. It is the seventh time the prestippeared at the festival.



Summer forecast reveals Chancellor struggling to reach downgraded growth targets

Clarke 'must cut interest rates'

Serah Ryle
HE City was last night gearing up for another cut in inter- est rates after the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, tried to put an opti- mistic gloss on a downward revision to his growth fore- cust for 1996.
Analysts said the 2.5 per cent prediction was only

achievable if the authorities further eased monetary pol-icy, reducing base rates from the existing level of 5.75 per

The Chancellor, however, downplayed the significance of forecasts. He blamed "disappointing growth" on the Continent for weaker than expected exports and acknowledged the slowing affect of factory stocks which were built up last year as manufac-turers were hit by sluggish

Lovnes said: "The Treasury's expectation of low-inflation growth this year and next year does nothing to harm the prospects of another cut in

Nikko sconomist Simon another rate cut. It is certainly too early to be sure that the rate-cutting cycle is

Percentage change on previous year unless otherwise stated	Last budget lorocaut for 1996	Yesterday's for 1996	Yesterday's forecast for 1997
Gross domestic product	1.000 at 1.000	系列 26	325
General government consumption	0.25	0.5	0.75
Fixed investment	4.28	38.78	8.5
Change in stockbuilding (as % of GDP)	0.25	0.25	-0.25
Exports of goods and services	₹25		5.75
Imports of goods and services	9.75	74	
Consumers' expenditure	3.5	3.25	4.25
Balance of payments oursent account	-25bn	23.5bn	£1.5bn
inflation (API excluding mortgage interest payments)	2.5	2.5	2.25
Money GDP at merket prices (thendel year)	2754bn	2745bn	£7856q -
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the four reductions since the Budget and said the Government was on course to hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target by the end of this year, forecasting a further fall to 2.25 per ent dest year.

at the Bank of England's re-cord on inflation and said its inflation forecasts "have al-ways been wrong and have always been too pessimistic". The Chancellor was confident about lower inflation next year despite his own pre-

ing "will be a major force for expansion". He said recent tax cuts, lower mortgage rates, windfall gains, ricins Mr Clarke refused to be employment and the housing drawn on the likelihood of a market recovery would coning of a general election, the cut in rates. He emphasised tribute to an acceleration of average family would be

consumer spending to 3.25 per cent this year and 4.25 per cent next year.

Separate figures published today by the Halifax Building Society will show that house prices fell by 0.8 per cent in June, the first monthly decrease since July last year, but the Halifax said this did not alter its estimate that house prices will rise by 5 per

Real disposable incomes were on course to rise by 2.5

just before the probable tim-ing of a general election, the

Mr Clarke also predicted

However, separate figures published yesterday showed that recovery was still elusive in some areas of the economy. New construction orders in May fell to their lowest level since September last year, according to the Department of the Environment.

 Officials yesterday admit-ted they overestimated the cut public spending by Government's spending by some £30 billion was £1.7 billion over the last three pushed forward yesterday years. GDP at current prices by the same amount, but the

Making most of misfortune

Larry Elliott

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke had three sepa-rate targets in his sights when he bowed to the inevitable yesterday and in-creased his forecasts for public borrowing this year and

Although Mr Clarke would have preferred not to have had to admit that the state finances are in a Worse posi tion than he thought at Bud-get-time, he did his best to make some political capital

First in the firing line were his big spending ministerial colleagues. The upward revision of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement is being used to instil some fear ahead of the Public Spending Cabi-net later this month. The warning was simple: rein in our expenditure or for hopes of tax cuts.

The Chancellor's second target was the voters. Despita doing his best to downplay expectations of pre-election tax cuts, Mr Clarke wants to give himself maximum scope to come up with a pleasant surprise on Budget day. One way of doing this is to exaggerate the gloom now, something economists believe the Tree-

sury may have done with the PSBR forecasts for 1997-98. Finally, there is the Labour Party. Mr Clarke was scath-ing about the dangers posed by the Opposition and is in a position to make life fairly uncomfortable for Gordon Brown should be take over at the Treasury. Spending has been kept under strict control for the past three years, even allowing for the rising cost of

financing the PSBR, but further savings are being sought. City analysts believe the in-coming Labour govern-

higher borrowing. The figures stack up as follows. In the November 1995 Budget, Mr Clarke predicted that the PSBR — broadly the gap be-tween the state's income and its spending — would be £22.5 billion this year, falling to £16

billion in 1937-96.
But it has been obvious for some time that the troubling undershoot in tax receipts would mean that the Govern ment would miss these targets by a considerable distance.

General receipts are now expected to be £280.4 billion this year — 24.4 billion lower than estimated at Budget time, with the shortfall spread across all income tax, corporation tax and VAT. General government expenditure, on the other hand, is set to be £308.1 billion in the current financial year, only £200 mil-

at the time of last November's Budget and a real-terms increase of only 0.25 per cent in the year running up to an The excess of spending over receipts left a general government borrowing requirement of £27.8 billion, which was reduced to £28.9 billion by the boost to state coffers from the

profits of public corporations. Next year the PSBR overshoot is even more pronounced, with a forecast of £23 billion against the £15 billion pen-cilled in. Andrew Dilnot, director of

the Institute for Fiscal Stud-les, said that next year's PSBR was "at the cautious end of what is plausible, particularly for income tax and

corporation tax". He noted that since the November Budget the Treasury had lopped £2 billion off its 1997-98 forecasts for income November Budget may contain tax cuts predicated on tion tax, but only £0.6 billion implausible reductions in for VAT and had left social public spending, leaving an security receipts unchanged. ment with the unenviable and national insurance bases choice of deep spending cuts, higher taxation or much be a little surprising".

All out at Inward as entire board prepares to quit

Martyn Halsali and Simon Beavis

HE entire board of Inward, the flagship investment agency for the North-west, is set to resign as part of radical restructuring.
The move follows claims that it has failed to attract major overseas companies to the region.

Próposals for the restructuring, in documents seen by the Guardian, have been drafted by local authorities and senior business leaders increasingly critical of In-

ward's performance. News of the shake-up came sterday as the Government elebrated Britain's most successful year for attracting in-

It is believed that behind the proposals to restructure Inward there is disquiet with the agency's performance in Brussels, within the govern-ment's office in the Northwest and in the Invest in Britain Bureau, which has a 40 per cent stake in the belea-

guered body.

The changes would also mark a tactical victory for the North-west Partnership. founded two years ago to en-courage cohesion in a notori-ously divided region where scores of competing and unco-ordinated bodies have tripped over each other to win

investments.

The Partnership allies leaders from the public and private sectors with academics, trade union leaders and co-op-

erative partners. Terry Thomas, chairman of the Parmership's co-ordinating committee and managing director of the Manchesterbased Co-operative Bank, said: "We should bring in levels of investment compara-

east and south Wales - but we have not done so for years

and years."
The radical proposals — including plans to cut the board from 27 to 15 members could spark opposition at In-ward's annual meeting on July 26.

"At that point it is expected that all directors (other than the chief executive and the chairman) Will resign to allow new directors to be identified," says a written document from the Partnership.

The position of Inward's 40 staff members is believed to be secure but the future of Inward chief executive Basil Jeuda is less certain. Mr Jeuda said yesterday the proposals had received unanimous support from board members meeting on June 28. The North-west received only 5 per cent of government inward investment support. compared with the 35 per cent allocated to Scotland, he said.

The Invest in Britain Bureau reported yesterday that the number of firms locating in Britain rose by 10 per cent last year to a record 477, creating or safeguarding 285,000 jobs.

Ian Lang, the Trade Secretary, said Britain was con-tinuing to take the lion's share of investments into Europe because Britain was the enterprise centre of Europe. But a Labour government would destroy the labour market flexibility and ow-cost environment estab-

lished by the Conservatives.
His Labour shadow, Marga-ret Beckett, countered: "The biggest single threat to levels of inward investment is the folly, incompetence and weakness of the present Govern-ment in allowing their policy towards Europe to be directed

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News in brief

Deutsche Bank in four-way split

DEUTSCHE Bank, pressured by shareholders to put profits first, is splitting its business into four separate units in a reshuffle that will give top management more power.

Europe's biggest bank said chief executive Hilmar Kopper will stay in charge of a board overseeing private banking. commercial and institutional banking, investment banking and group services.

Under pressure to abandon money-losing stakes in industry and focus more on banking, Mr Kopper called the long-promised reorganisation "the final stage in the restructuring of the Deutsche Bank group". The plan was approved. — Bloomber

LLoyds Chemists warning

LLOYDS Chemists, Britain's second biggest pharmaceuticals retailer, yesterday that profits would fall during the second half of its financial year as a result of uncertainty caused by the DTT's referral of the two bids for it to the Monopolies Commission. loyds, which is the subject of rival bids from Britain's Uniches and Germany's Gehe, said profits had been "adversely affected" by the uncertainty and costs associated with the hids and their

Lloyds, which was valued at £645 million by Gehe's all-cash offer and at £623 million by Unichem's cash and paper offer, said it expected the MMC to publish its report on the rival bids by July 22. Lloyds shares closed down 8p at 469p on the warning. — Ian

Budgens triples profits

SOUTH-EAST supermarket chain Budgens reported tripled profits to £7.6 million for the year to the end of April. The chain continued the pattern of the first half with sales growth in comparable stores of 4.5 per cent, including 3 per cent inflation.
The operating profit margin for the year more than doubled to 8.3

Some of the gain was due to the elimination of losses incurred last year in the Penny Market discount operation, but profits also increased because of higher sales and margins in the mainstream Budgens stores. Total sales increased by 7 per cent to just over \$200 million.

Chief executive John von Spreckelsen sald the company would continue to grow sales and margins. Ten new Budgens stores should open this year, while the company is also testing petrol station formats with Q8 and Mobil. — Roger Course

L&G sells arm to rival

LEGAL & General has sold its commercial general insurance LEGAL & General has sold its commercial general insurance operation to rival Guardian Royal Exchange for £48 million. The acquisition will be backdated to January 1 and will result in the transfer of 550 staff to GRE. L&G said that GRE would assume

transfer of 550 staff to GRE. L&G said that GRE would assume financial responsibility for the policies and that policyholders, mainly small to medium-sized businesses, would not be affected. L&G said the sale would result in an exceptional pre-tax profit of £72 million. The disposal will also enable the company to focus more on personal insurance as part of its strategy to become a retail financial services company. Analysts said that commercial premium rates were beginning to decline and that GRE, which is doubling its market share in the commercial business, had paid a full price. — Pauline Springet

Menzies slides

EDINBURGH-based newsagent John Menzies reported a 5.7 per-cent slide in pre-tax profits for the year ended May 4 at £35.9 mil-lion. The market had expected the decline following a profits lion. The market had expected the decline following a proms warning from the company in January. But managing director Ranald Noel-Paton said that sales had picked up during the second half of the year and that trend was continuing. He added that while high street spending was steadily growing, he did not expect a sudden consumer boom.

The group has been busy revamping its business. Last year, it invested more than \$50 million in its operations and focused particularly on new businesses Funsoft. THE Games, Transport Services and Samas Universal Office Supplies. — Pauline Springett

Eurocamp in the red

HOLIDAY operator Eurocamp reported a £5.2 million pre-tax loss for the first half of the year, compared to a £6.3 million loss last year. The loss reflected the seasonal nature of the company's core comping business. It was an improvement on the 1995 loss because Eurocamp has since acquired the tour operator Superbreak which has a less seasonal cash flow.

The company warned that its final booking levels for 1996 were expected to he 25 per cent down. It said this was because holiday. makers had been particularly deterred from going to France because of the franc's strength. — Pauline Springer

Germany struggles, too

ian Traynor in Bonn

KRMAN finance minister Theo Waigel today presents next year's crucial budget to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet. It will cut spending by 2.5 per cent and aim for a 2.5 per cent budget deficit next year, which would pass the European single currency test.

Mr Waigel yesterday claimed to have won unanimous support for the scheme from the ruling co-alition's parliamentary caucuses. But much of the caucuses. But much of the terday when the June figurement of the terms for European unemployment showed a tious package.

the pre-war death traps run

by private owners. Fears that privatisation

of 30-odd deep mines left be-

an increase in accidents were

dismissed by government ministers as scaremonger-

Michael Heseltine, the dep-

singled out the mining expe-

rience this year as proof that

the Government could be

trusted over BSE and the de-

regulation of food

But the evidence of a sharp

production.

eral states also tighten their belts sufficiently to keep state debt and deficits within Maastricht criteria.

Despite a 2.5 per cent, or DM11 billion (£4.7 billion), fall in the overall budget to DM440 billion next year, the government will need to borrow some DM7 billion more than planned because of collapsing tax revenue caused by the surge in unemployment this year.

The grim news on the jobs front multiplied yes-

miners is more difficult to ex-

RJB Mining, which bought

the bulk of the surviving Brit-ish Coal collieries at the end

vate employers, hangs on to the fact that its overall acci-dent rate fell by 14 per cent last year. But the apparent

drop is accounted for by

accidents, where injured min-ers are off work for less than

three days. Union officials claim the returns for minor

accidents are artificially de-

flated by a combination of in-

centives and pressures on

miners not to report them.

world, in striking contrast to employing fewer than 10,000

hind by the mass closures of of 1994 and is regarded by the past decade might lead to unions as the safest of the pri-

uty prime minister, even reductions in reported minor

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Next year's budgetary

when parliament endorsed Mr Rohl's plans to raise the retirement age and freeze unemployment benefit, the final element of the conten-

Big rise in serious mining accidents

Workface/NUM anger as figures reveal 'legacy of privatisation', reports Seamus Milne

performance is the bench-mark for EMU, being used to decide who can join the single currency planned for the beginning of 1999. The government drive to

ous month. The official uncent, was almost a full per-centage point up on last the fastest of any major Euro-pean economy both this year and next, was also set to benefit from reviving demand in Europe.

£4.500 richer in real terms

than it would have been in

UK economic growth, which the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and

1978-1979.

The current account deficit is expected to worsen slightly this year to £3.5 billion but per cent this year, said Mr improve to £1.5 billion next ear despite the boost which stronger consumer spending might give to imports.

Treasury officials said that better terms of trade next year (the ratio of export to import prices) would counter faster growth in import

that the stock build-up which has plagued manufacturers and which has slowed overall economic growth would soon run its course as reviving demand fed through from the retail sector.

was therefore overestimated



Heated debate . . . Miner Phil Thatcher demands fair deal for coal at a Commons lobby yesterday PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SILLITOE

deterioration is now piling In the RJB pits, while the minor accident rate continup. The official figures for the first full year since priva-tisation, just released by the ued to fall, the serious accident rate per 100,000 shifts in-creased by 52 per cent Health and Safety Executive, reveal an 18 per cent rise in serious accidents between between 1991-5 and 1995-6. The 1994-5 and 1995-6 and an increase from two to five in contractors, who carry out de-

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Miner crisis

Major injury rate in the coal industry per 100,000 manshift

Britain's nationalised jump in fatalities could be coal industry was to have created the safest and most advanced mining in the world in striking contract to Mineworkers conference in avoid a serious accident Arthur Scargill, NUM presi-

and stick methods used to cut dent, told delegates that one reported accidents. dent delegates that one of the union's main tasks must be to "resist this climate of intimidation". But RJB. which promises its serious accident figures will be down for the first six months of this year, has just informed the NUM that bilateral safety meetings are to be ended. As far as Peter McNestry,

leader of the pit deputies union Nacods — whose members have traditionally been responsible for underground safety — is concerned, the rise in serious accidents is explained by deregulation. longer compulsory shifts, the increased use of contractors. the downgrading of the deputies' role and intensified costcutting under privatisation exactly the sort of things Mr Heseltine insisted the Gov eroment would never allow to put miners at risk.

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Dazzle dash earns 7-1 Guineas quote

Chris Hawkins

NITIAL offers of 14-1 for next year's 1,000 Guineas about Dazzle, who bolted home in yesterday's Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket, prompted a stampede among value-seeking punters and Ladbrokes were forced to make the filly as short as 7-1 favourite by the end of the

day. Coral's and Hill's both go a few points longer, but none of the big three is exactly stick-ing out their neck consider-ing only one Cherry Hinton winner has gone on to take the Guineas in the last 25

That was Sayyedatl in 1992 and she was rated a 33-1 chance for the Classic after

when prepagate by the sponsor was asked if he'd make it a hattrick next season.

"I've got more sensible this year and don't seem to be get in gin so many scrapes," he admitted. "I've heard rumours that I'm going to get its Stoute job, but that's all they are and there's no truth in them as far as I know.

"I'd don't think the champional rather masculine" and the clock strongly supported the view that she is exceptional—her time was eight tenths of a second faster than the three-year-old handicapper wildwood Flower over the same six furlongs an hour later.

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season and a total of 79 win-ners puts him in with an out-side chance of the jockeys' championship.

Fallon, mainly employed in the north, has had a reputa-tion for being something of a wild man and must know the route down the Al to Portman

Square by beart. In fact, he will be there this morning charged with riding without medical clearance at Southwell last year, but now seems to be channelling his

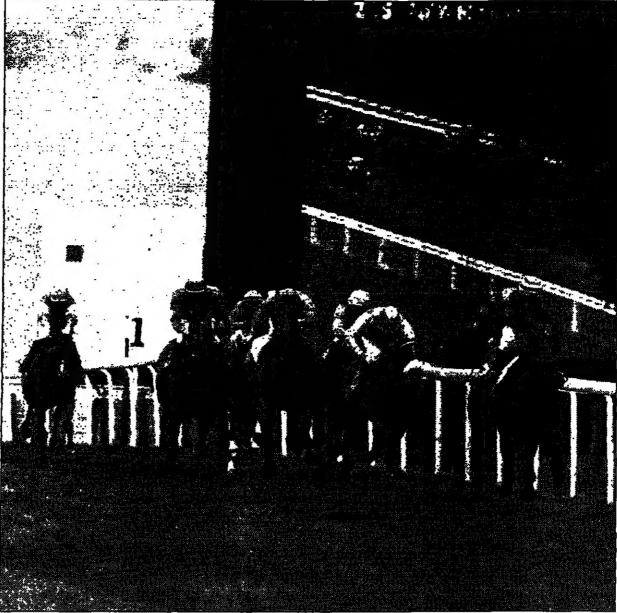
season."
That opinion is backed up

Kieren Fallon had little more than a steering job on Dazzle, who was always centering and shot through a gap on the rails a furlong and a half out to beat Ocean Ridge by five lengths.

With Walter Swinburn still sidelined through injury, Fallon has had plenty of rides for the Michael Stoute stable this season and a total of 79 win-

tentially top colf in Bannare to win the Strutt & Parker Malden Stakes.

Bahhare, a half-brother to last year's high class miler Bahri, raced prominently thoughout, but then kicked away from his field to beat the highly reset Evual Birther. the highly rated Equal Rights by three and a half lengths. Willie Carson was winning the race for the second year running, following Alhaarth last season, and when pre-sented with a bottle of cham-



Big screen epic . . . Dazzie strikes for home on her way to a sparkling success in the Cherry Hinton Stakes

Going right for Deadly Dudley

Ascot, Deadly Dudley is out to redeem a tarnished reputation in today's TNT International Aviation July Stakes at Newmarket,

writes Chris Hawkins.
Firm ground at the Royal meeting — where he finished third to Verglas in the Coventry Stakes — was probably against this colt, who had won impressively at Good-wood and Sandown previously when there was give underfoot

The going at Newmarket yesterday was described by most of the jockeys as perfect, and in the circumstances I am prepared to give Deadly Dud-ley (2.35) another chance, al-though on the book the form horse is the Irish challenger Check The Band.

The big betting event on this card is the Duke of Cambridge Handicap, in which Balladur (3.10) is expected to go close. He won a maiden at Newcastle recently and on that bare form is hard to assess. But the word from the Henry Cecil camp is that this Nureyev colt is improving rapidly.

The French filly Sensation (3.40) is strongly fancied for the Falmouth Stakes, while in the Equity Maiden Fillies Stakes Rihan (4.45) is expected to step up on her promising debut effort at Royal Ascot when eighth to Dance

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 Vodafone Oaks winner Lady Carla faces a maximum of eight rivals in Sunday's Irish equivalent at the Curragh. Acceptors at yesterday's five-day stage are Camporese, Dance Design, French Ballerina, Key Change, Lady Carla, Romanche, Shamadara (supplementary). Story Line, Tout A Coup.

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Liverpool set to settle for Berger

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IVERPOOL's increas ingly anxious search for a left-sided player seems likely to end with the capture of the Czech

Republic's Patrik Berger. Having abandoned their at tempts to sign his team-mate Karel Poborsky, who is bound for Manchester United, Liver-pool have told Borussia Dort-mund that they are willing to pay the asking price of £2.5 million for Berger, who claims he has a verbal agreement with his club guarantee-ing his release if anyone is willing to pay a pre-arranged

Aston Villa look likely to capture the Middlesbrough midfielder Jamie Pollock. who has also been having

The striker Iwan Roberts is moving to Wolves in a deal that could eventually net

Reading yesterday com-pleted the signings of the in-ternational defenders Paul Bodin from Swindon and Barry Hunter from Wrexham but parted company with the coach Phil Holder.

Graeme Souness continues to sweep clean at The Dell. The new Southampton manager yesterday appointed his former Liverpool colleague Phil Boersma as his assistant in place of Lew Chatterley, who joins the reserve-team manager Ray Graydon and the youth-team coach Dennis Rofe on the dole.

kel Beck has not yet signed ale are in a tug-of-war for the for Middlesbrough after his legal dispute with Fortuna has been told he can leave PSV Eindhoven. The Dutch club has put a £13 million price tag — equal to the alleged record paid by Milan to Torino for Gianluigi Lentini in 1992 — on the 19-year-old. Bulgaria's coach Dimitar

and his nephew Luboslav Penev was dropped from the national squad.

The English game's disci

plinary procedure is to be streamlined, starting with next season's Coca-Cola Cup. The FA council is to rul ber-stamp a plan to restrict red and yellow cards — apart from those for violent con-duct — to the competition in pariment works, all major league and cup competitions will from 1997-98 have their

Shearer left up in the air

Michael Walker on how the striker came | ger list Airways". to appear on United's flight list to Milan

ANCHESTER Uni-ted's insatiable de-sire to capture the heart, head and feet of the Blackburn Rovers and Eng-land centre-forward Alan Shearer took an extraordinary twist yesterday even by the standard of this summer's stories about

It was reported that a certain "A Shearer" had been booked on to United's July 30 flight to Milan, where the champions are due to play a friendly against Internazionale. The trouble is that there is no Shearer on the books at Old Trafford

Despite admiration expressed both publicly and

weeks by United officials, not to mention a bid of £12 million, Shearer remains a

However, for the third time in as many weeks Blackburn's chairman Robert Coar has been forced to say that Shearer's departure is not imminent. The player would certainly not be on British Airways'

flight 5060 to Milan.
The company handling United's flight to Italy, the Leamington Spa-based Travel Management, launched an immediate inquiry into how Shearer's name came to be on the flight list. An employee was suspended for being found to have "verbally added a

Management — motto: Right People, Right Places — offered fulsome apologies and said that as chairman he "accepts full responsi-bility on behalf of the company and confirms Man-chester United had no knowledge whatsoever of this action and categorically did not supply that name for inclusion on the passenger list. Travel Management has suspended a member of staff and I apolo

gise unreservedly to Man-chester United, Blackburn Rovers and Alan Shearer Both clubs are braced for further stories about Shearer. Only 14,500 of Blackburn's 31,000 season tickets have been sold

Tour de France

Telekom tickled pink

INK is the colour in this Deutsche Telekom team light pink dots on a white background and the "T" logo of sponsor — have proved this year's dark horses, while the Spanish ONCE team - fluorescent pink with the logo of a blind man with a stick — have failed to live up to their billing as potential Indurain beaters.

Yesterday summed up Tele kom's unexpected strength and ONCE's equally unex-pected collapse. The German team — who last year were not considered good enough to field a full team in the race scored their second successive stage win, and their third

Stage 10

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sprinter sale Zaber won the sprint from a 40-strong group here, while one of ONCE's mainstays, Laurent Jalabert of France, threw in the towel.

more than likely once he began suffering from gastroenteritis after Sunday's mountain time-trial and was probably merely postponed when Monday's Alpine stage was cut due to snowstorms. "There is no room for sick men on the Tour," he said glumly after climbing into his team car 41 miles from vester day's start in Turin for his third abandon in four years.
"I thought I could recover,

Last year on the rest day, ONCE had three riders in the first 10 and led the team classification. As the race takes

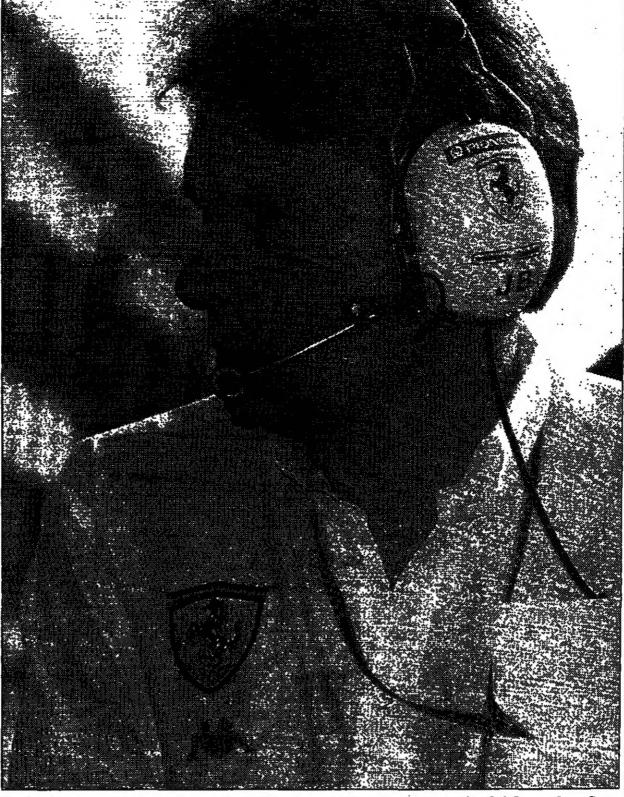
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of the race so far, when their its repos in the Alpine foot-sprinter Erik Zabel won the hills today Telekom have Bjarne Riis in yellow and the 22-year-old prodigy Jan Ull-rich in fifth.

yesterday with the first-stage winner Frédéric Moncassin which went decisively the German's way on the final, stiff climb of the Col de la Sentinelle. Here Moncassin was left for dead by the group, who were in hot pur-suit of a lone breakaway, Rolf Sorensen of Denmark.

Sorensen's desperate flight began on a wide, windswept Route Nationale, took him through the crowds of Danish and Dutch tourists on the Sentinelle and down the heartstoppingly fast descent into Gap. His hopes lasted until a heartbreaking 350 netres to the line, where he was swept up as Riis made the pace for his team's sprinter — a display of self-lessness rarely seen from the matilot jaume. Then it was down to Zabel to hold off the familiar squat, weaving, fig-ure of Djamolidin Abdoujacome to form too late to equal victories in the points jersey.

William Fotheringham is



Ferrari's Barnard puts his reputation on the line

Alan Henry meets the English engineer with urgent problems to be resolved before Sunday's British Grand Prix at Silverstone

break time for John technical director. The 50 mising three-year plans in year-old Englishman's latest car has brought Michael Schumacher only one victor, so far this season, in the rain soaked Spanish Grand Prix. and 10 days ago it blew up on the formation lap before the French Grand Prix.

All eyes will therefore be on Schumacher's F310 when it rolls on to the starting grid for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. The Formula One fraternity will be eager to know whether the Magny-Cours fiasco was only a blip on Ferrari's path back to glory, or the first sign that their engineers are beginning to trip over their own coattails in the desperate hunt for

Barnard has not had it easy since rejoining the the fam-ous Italian team in 1992. His stendfast refusal to live in Italy forced Ferrari to establish its own technical out-station in Britain. Selling the F1 Ferrari to the Italian nedia was never going to be a straightforward task, but Barnard is a tough customer and has managed it twice, from 1986–89 and with his present

UNDAY afternoon | contract, which runs out in | train on the way to the end of

Barnard is a perfectionist, grand-prix car design. He applied this principle to the Benetton team in 1990, laying the foundations for Schumacher's title successes in 1994 and 1995.

While he understands his imployers' impatience, he also knows there are no short and that Formula One bosses tend to pay lip-service to the

notion of long-term success.
"You can go in and explain that the project will take three years minimum," he says. "You tell the team that they need to spend this and that. They say okay, give us a bottom-line figure, and I do. "The team will agree, but in the back of their mind they

still want to win three or four races the following year, and as soon as they get to the first race they are saying 'where are we? "The 1993 season with Fer-rari was one of the most difficated by the need to develop an active suspension system just before such systems were

banned, but in the back of my

line for Ferrari is nothing less than a world championship triumph in 1997. They see the German driver as the key fac can be developed into a winning equation.

Barnard is not an easy man to impress, but from the first test session they did together macher's coolness, analytical acumen and sheer sneed.

are a step up, they are on a different level," he says. "There are good guys out there, like Alesi and Berger, and there are the special ones Senna, Prost, I suppose Lauda, and then, going further back, the likes of Stewart and Clark. They are quick. Bloody quick.

"Michael is very mature for his age and has a great deal of inhuilt confidence. He can produce consistently quick times and is obviously driving at that speed without comes back in he has a load of information in his head about all the corners around the track.

for changing conditions. There's no panic. If his tyres are losing their grip, he doesn't get excited in the 'oh, shit, where have we lost half a second' style. It's just 'I think it's time for a fresh set of tyres'. It's all under control, titious excuses.

For the moment, Schuacher's commitment to Ferrari is unwavering - but tressed as it is by earnings in excess of £1 million a race. The German driver's contract extends to the end of 1997, by which time he expects to add a third world championship

If he fails, Barnard could well become the fall guy. Ferrari would be tempted to take the whole F1 design project back to Maranello, a move that would delight their rivals because it almost certainly would not work.

The fact remains that Bar-nard's influence has been overwhelmingly beneficial. Alain Prost used his type 640 design to come within hailing distance of the 1990 world championship before he was pushed off the road by Ayrton Senna's McLaren on the first corner of the Japanese Grand

Prix Since then, however, Barnard-designed Ferraris have won just three races. The must win many more over the next 18 months if they are to retain Michael Schumacher

mind I was just passing "And the information is retain Michael Schumach through that season, like a clear-cut. He has a great feel when his contract expires.

Paul Fitzpatrick

WIGAN hope Martin Of-fiah, Neil Cowie, Henry Paul and Kris Radlinksi will a point above St Helens and top of the Super lavague table

Bradford, whose win over St Helens last Friday helped Wigan to lead the league, are hoping for their biggest gate since the reorganisation into two divisions in 1973. Their best crowd in this period was 14.043 for their 10-6 win over Wigan in 1994.

Joe Lydon, Wigan's football manager, is fulsome in his praise of Brian Smith's work charge last year. The 42-year

as the Buils' head coach and chief executive since taking Australian will leave a home to manage Parramatta

and now has a squad that can compete," said Lydon. "They

are also very well coached and disciplined. Smith looks at the opposition from week to week, puts a game-plan into action and the players seem to stick to it.

"People might say they lack top stars but I disagree. With their depth of squad, they have the ability to put pressure on the players in the side because first-teamers know someone could take their place. That is a luxury position for any coach."

• Diccon Edwards, the Castleford winger who broke a leg at Central Park last Fri-

Monty looks after No. 1

David Davies at Carnoustie

Open, with a much dibegins over one of Britain's classic courses today. The tournament's purse is down from a promised £850,000 to £480,000 and has now been sold to the International Man agement Group after the original owners. CPMA, tried to make a tournament without a title sponsor work, but failed.
This was principally because sponsors do not like what marketing directors call the "household reach" of satellite television, understandably preferring the many mil-lions more that watch terrestial channels.

When this event was the ion to be associated with it. When the European Tour de-cided that it be transferred to Sky, Bell's pulled out, and the

The current organisers also failed to attract the likes of ples, even though both are playing in an exhibition at Skibo Castle under 200 miles away at the weekend, and Nick Faldo, who was runner-

place in the calendar, the event holds an important place in the greater scheme of things, as the Open Championship approaches. This was summed up, in their different ways, by Ernie Els and Colin

dontgomerie. "I really believe if you want to prepare properly for the olf." the South African said. Maybe some of the guys who are not here should look past the prize money and think only of preparing for the

thing to do. Last year I took the week off before both the Masters and US Open and missed the cut in both. From now on I think I will always play the week before.

people not playing here are at a disadvantage," he says, "It is probably a tougher course than next week's at Lytham It's playing all of its length so anyone who wins here would

wreboa:

Montgomerie, as a Scot, has an additional reason for wanting to win, as he has never done so in his homeland, and he also finds himself in a di-lemma when it comes to describing this week's event. "It's a fantastic warm up for the Open," he said, before adding: "Of course, it's not a warm-up really. This is a big

title on its own.' It is especially big for Montgomerie, who after his win in Ireland last week is close to going to No. 1 in the world on the Sony rankings. Currently No. 2, he has to make 60 more

Sony points in the next two weeks than the No. 1 Norman. There are 42 available for winning this week and 100 for the winner of the Open, 60 going to the runner-up, so it could boil down to who does what at Lytham. Should Montgomerie succeed in becoming No. 1, he will be only the third man to do so with out having won a major championship first, the others being lan Woosnam and Fred Couples.

The encouraging aspect of that for Montgomerie is that Couples won the Masters a month after becoming No. 1 and Woosnam the week after. "I've just got to keep on winning tournaments." said Montgomerie. "I'm physically fitter and mentally tougher than I've ever been. I have to think myself into contention

Cricket NatWest Trophy

and that's what I achieve.

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The ASA has appointed the Engish-born Deryk Snelling head coach of the Canadian Olympic squad four times since 1972, as Great Britain's first-ever national perfor year contract, the 62-yearold's duties will include strategy and selection policy.

A draw was agreed without further play in Game 17 of the Fide world championship at Elista yesterday, urites Leonard Barden. With Russia's Anatoly Karpov leading the 20-game series 10-7, his challenger Gata Kamsky must win all three remaining games starting today to force extra time. After 57 Nd6+ Kc3 58 Ne4 · Kc2 59 g5 Ng6 60 Kd4 (sealed), Kamsky saw no winning chances and telephoned a draw offer that Karpov accepted.

A record prize fund of £210,000 is on offer at next January's World Professional Championship at Frimley Green, including a £52.000 bo- at the end of the season. nus for a nine-dart check-out.

Wigan's Offiah and Paul in fitness race with the Bulls

Rugby League

be fit for Friday's crucial game with Bradford Bulls. All missed Friday's victory over

for the first time this season.

greatly improved set-up behind him when he returns

day, will be out for the rest of the season. A transfer tribunal will rule on Marcus St Hilaire. Leeds have offered £25,000 for the 19-year-old back but Huddersfield value him at

St Helens have signed Danny Whittle, the 25-yearold Swinton Lions forward, on loan He is the son of a former St Helens player, "He has has bought well | Kev in Whittle.

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Asian tiger tweaks Lord's by the tail

David Hopps on the Indian millionaire who is looking to give the sport its lead

N THE eyes of Jagmohan Dalmiya, the 1996 World Cup was a triumphant step in his pursuit of power. As secretary of the organising committee, his ruth-less manipulation had en-sured that the tournament would be the greatest finan-cial bonanza in cricket

Dalmiya was convinced that his fitness for one of world cricket's most influential positions, chairman of the International Cricket Council, had been proved beyond measure. A recognition that the ICC should possess greater authority offered him the prospect of wielding considerable influence.

Dalmiya's opponents viewed the 1996 World Cup in less complimentary light. less complimentary light.
"Send me a fax," he airily told a World Cup umpire who drew attention to one problem. "Send you a bloody fax!" came the reply. "You never bloody answer them!" Many sympathised with the outburst.

At a shambolic opening ceremony, Dalmiya's powers of patronage reached new levels. So many businessmen, including many connected with his Calcutta construction empire, were feted that former Test cricketers and presentday Indian selectors were shunned. When they com-plained, they were told to

watch the ceremony on TV.
The semi-final between India and Sri Lanka, in Calcutta, was another embarrassment. The secretary of be directly blamed for the rioting that caused the game to be abandoned. But allegations sounded about corrupt ticket practices, and Eden Gardens had run out of mineral water by mid-morning. How could a man who could not ensure an adequate water

If Dalmiya, through a com-bination of legal submissions and an assiduous courtship of cricket's minor nations, is elected as ICC chairman at Lord's over the next two days, he stands to forge a reputa-tion over the next four years

as one of the greatest power-brokers in sport, a name to mention alongside those of Havalange, Nebiolo and Sa-maranch. The major changes that he envisages would blow away the last vestiges of cricketing complacency. Sensing a declining interest in Test cricket throughout Asia, he would seek to reduce

drab draws by introducing an overs limit in the first innings. The ICC, cosily housed in the clock tower at Lord's, might move to Dalmiya's nower-base in Calcutta. Globalisation of the game actively discouraged for much of the century, would begin at a disturbing pace.

"The ICC has been established almost 90 years and has only nine full members." he insisted last week on the Radio 5 Live programme, Moguls. "The game of cricket

doubtlessly strengthening that power-base in the



wants to

even though his second test was also confirmed yester

day as positive, writes

Board's public relations

manager, also declined "for

ongoing legal reasons" to confirm the widespread

presumption that the drug involved was recreational

rather than performance

enhancing. Sussex followed

TCCB instructions and

days to prepare his defence before a TCCB panel, at which point his identity

which point his identity might be revealed. The panel, which will be headed

refused to elaborate. The player now has 14

Richard Little,

must be globalised. I have already demonstrated that it is possible."
That demonstration encom

passes the Asia Cup in Malaysia in September, including such unlikely entrants as Japan, Thailand and Papau New Guinea, followed by the Friendship Cup later that month in the Toronto Sky-dome in Canada — the first of five annual one-day tourna-Pakistan which he insists will

tap an unexpected market.
Dalmiya's independence
and strength were underlined
at 19 years old when his father refused to sanction his marriage to a Bengali. Dal-miya left home, a courageous response in the 1970s, when the tradition of arranged marriages was rarely challenged. His wife became a motivating force. Dalmiya was encour-aged to move into construc-tion and, from virtually nothing, became a millionaire builder in Calcutta. His cricketing career was limited to sporadic appearances for the Rajasthan club in Calcutta.

India's staging of the Nehru Cup in 1989 announced his breakthrough as an administrator. Along with Inderlit Bhindra, he persuaded the prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, to remove control of the tournament from the Indian Board. The tournament was a success and the reputa-tions of Dalmiya and Bhindra

were assured Vote-buying is commonplace in Indian cricket — pat-ronage might take the form of an international fixture, a job as a tour manager, or a place on a select committee — but both men prospered. They dovetail impressively: Bhin-dra, as Board president, is regarded as a master of public relations; Dalmiya is a skilful and calculating negotiator.
Their mentor is MKP Salve,

a former Congress minister who never forgave Lord's for refusing him tickets to the 1983 World Cup final between India and the West Indies at haps, a hostility towards old imperialist attitudes began.

days' suspension.

Far more likely, however,

is that the matter will be referred to the full disci-

much longer suspension

will be considered. In the

meantime the cricketer,

whose identity has been the

subject of gossip around county grounds for the past

fortnight, is free to con-

tinue playing.
Tim Lamb, the TCCB's cricket secretary, said:

Other sports suspend

players immediately. That is not the way cricket sees

it. We are happy for the cricketer to continue play-

ing until justice is seen to

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Gunning for glory . . . Nedzad Fazlija (right) and Tarik Hodzic in the Olympic village with the Atlanta skyline behind them

Friendly fire from Bosnia

All over the South Olympians are preparing for the greatest show on earth. The Croatians have landed in Tupelo, Mississipi, the Chinese are in Greenville, South Carolina, and the Moldovans are dreaming of glory in Douglasville, Georgia. For the first of a special series of reports on how the world is gearing up for Atlanta, lan Katz visits Pell City, Alabama, to meet Bosnia's best prospect for a medal

is almost certainly man in Bosnia but do not ask him how many enemy soldiers he picked off during his coun-try's ferocious civil war. "I'm sportsman, not a sniper," he

The wiry, bespectacled 28-year-old has grown tired of here as Lady Di. THE TCCB is refusing to house, has the power to impose fines of up to £1,000 and to have taken drugs, and a maximum of four explaining the distinction but over the next few weeks he of those ironies that conjures a smile from the bleakest of dreumstances, he is Bosnia's pest prospect for a medal at

For the past two weeks Fazlita and seven other Bosnian titors have been train ing in this tiny town, a place so sleepy and unremarkable that motel clerks ask not how long you are staying but how

ong you are stuck Desperate for a slice of the Olympic action that will unfold in Atlanta, 100 miles east, the burghers of Pell City subjected their war-weary visitors to a crash course in southern hospitality.

They built an Olympic-stan

a country but to represent all those people who died for freedom," says Hodzic. table for Tarik Hodzic and a competition-quality wrestling mat for Fabrudin Hodzic. Although a Bosnian team was spirited to Barcelona in 1992, says Fazilia's coach Dau-

To ease communication they re-christened each athlete with a "Southern Nick-name". Fazlija became Ned, Tarik Hodzic became Terry and Fahrudin Hodzic was Rhudy. The swimmer Dijana Kvesic will be forever known

Since the penniless Bosni-ans were only able to compete from the International Olym-pic Committee, local families put them up and every restaurant in town vied to introduce them to fried chicken and grits. "They said they liked our grease," said Brenda Hemby, a restaurateur who co-ordinated the effort to feed in my city' the Olympians.

If the arrival of the Bosnian team was the biggest thing to happen to Pell City since the high school girls' basketball team won the state championships in 1989, the Atlanta Olympics held a monumental significance for those who will compete in the country's blue and white colours. "To represent Bosnia-Her dard shooting range for Faz-lija and bought a table tennis years is not only to represent built for the 1984 Winter

people if you know they shot

> tional shooting events before the country splintered along ethnic lines in 1992. Two weeks before hostilities broke out his Sarejevo club won the national championships. "Maybe that was the reason the war started in Bosnia," he sts with a thin smile. Within months Sarajevo's

and take care of our athletes." Fazlija represented Yugo-alavia 12 times in interna-'It's not easy to speak to these

tovic Amir, "that was impor-tant just to see our flag. This

time we've had time to chose

own ethnicity, stressing only that the team has members from each of Bosnia's three Fazlija managed to compete uiside Bosnia a handful of times during the war, first es-caping Sarajevo by running across the city's airport under the eyes of Serb suipers

Olympics, was destroyed by artillery fire and with it went

Fazlija's hopes of keeping his

It seems natural to wonder if the embattled Bosnian

army sought to harness Fazli-ja's rare talent but he bridles

and later by using the secret tunnel that Sarajevans used to beat the siege of the city. But he says his skills have been badly blunted by lack of competition and resources. Until last month, when he received three new weapons rom a sponsor, he was competing with a 23-year-old rifle. The people here bought him 5,000 bullets, but after the Olympics he has no idea how

he will pay for his ammunition.

Despite all this Fazilja finished seventh in one World Cup event last year and near the top of a strong field that competed in Atlanta this year. His best chance of a nedal is reckoned to be in the three-position event where marksmen fire from standing,

kneeling and prone positions. Adding to the emotional baggage the Bosnians will carry into the Games, several face competing against former Yugoslav team-mates-

Fazlija says he has already come up against three Ser-bian and one Slovenian for-mer team-mates. "I talk norat the suggestion. He wan say only that he served as a reserve policeman in Sarajevo and lost an uncle and a cousin in the fighting.

Resmian athletes are mally with those loving people but I know what they think about me and they think about me and they think about me and they there are not easy to speak that some of them shot in my city and killed 11,000 citizens Sarajevo, 2,000 of them

children. No family members of the nian Olympians have got to the Games but the athlete can count on support from Pell City residents so infatu ated with their charges that many have promised to shave their heads if a Bosnian wins a medal.

That is more than anyone in the Bosnian delegation dares hope for, says Heda Burdzovic, a 26-year-old stu-dent who fied Sarajevo last tor for the team. "I told them the first day I saw them that

have too little time to order

England v India final scoreboard

Rewritings Lawis 57-10-86-3; Cork 32-8-124-1; Multirily 40-12-83-2; Eaftam 29-8-90-2; Patel 24-2-101-1; Hick 4-1-8-0; Thorpe 1-0-3-0.

Total (198.5 overs) 884 Pall of wickside 130, 380, 398, 444, 444, 491, 497, 558, 554. Boundings Stiteth 47-12-131-2: Presed 43-12-124-2: Kumble 39-6-65-1; Raju 43-12-75-1: Ganguly 19.5-2-71-3; Tendul-lar 7-0-48-0.

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Bowling: 1.ewis 14-4-50-2; Cori 7-0-32-1; Mullelly 13-3-38-2; Ealham 14-5-21-4; Patel 42-8-47-0; Hick 9-4-23-0 G Sharp and K T Francis.

be done. He deserves the chance to have his say." y the Nottinghamshire chairman Alan Wheel-

Malcolm catches Mandela

Lord's refuses to name Sussex

player who failed drug test

DERBYSHIRE must fancy their chances at home to Kent in the second round of the NatWest Trophy today, but Devon Malcolm is giving it a miss; Malcolm will instead make his way to 10 Downing Street, where he will renew acquaintance with President Nelson Mandela, writes Chris Curtain.

Derbyshire have taken a more politic line with their man than Raymond Illingworth ever did, and are happy for Malcolm to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to shake his hero's hand again. "Devon goes with the blessing of our captain Dean

tary Reg Taylor. "It is a

test before the Old Trafford

England's winter tour, the South African leader greeted him with: "So you are the de-stroyer." After his rows with the England leader, Malcolm may now feel like the Kent's own England A de-stroyer Dean Headley hopes to be over his ankle strain while Lancashire's John

Last time they met, during

tie against Northamptonshire — a dress rehearsal for Satur-day's B & H Cup final. Reeve-less Warwickshire welcome back their talismanic deputy captain Tim Munton, after six weeks of unique opportunity and we do defence at not feel we can deny it him." Edghaston. defence against Surrey at

INFORD CHRISTIE gets back on the gold trail in Nice tonight when he takes on the world champion Donovan Bailey over 100 metres in his 23rd race of a bectic summer. The 38-yearold Olympic champion pulled out of the lucrative Oslo meeting last week with hamstring

Duncan Mackey

But Kelly Holmes, the double world championships medallist, has withdrawn from the 800m after missing the 1500m in Stockholm on Monday night with sinusitis. It means she will have to make the "biggest decision" | Portuguese woman defeated | commitments.

to help her decide on one or both distances in Atlanta, But a comprehensive 1500m de feat in Oslo by Ireland's world 5,000m champion Sonia O'Sul-livan, who will double up in those two events, may have helped make up her mind

anyway. Holmes will watch Nice champion Hassiba Boul-merka, who beat her in the 1500m in Gothenburg last summer, makes one of her rare appearances this season. The Algerian will clash with the in-form Carla Sacramento in the metric mile. The

of her life without completing | Mozembique's former 800m her planned racing schedule | world champion Maria Mutola in Stockholm.

Meanwhile, Michael John-son — denied the chance to ron in London by the British Athletic Federation -returned to the United States yesterday. "I am going home to rest and just keep my fit-ness up before the Games," he said, "and when I relax, I relax... I don't do anything."

Johnson is attempting an Olympic 200m–400m double in Atlanta, a feat no man has ever achieved. The former UK 100m champion Bev Kinch, 32, has pulled out of the sprint relay squad for Atlanta because of work

Christie rejoins gold rush Cyclist hopping mad as thief runs off with his mountain bike

DOLAND's three-man | but did not call again. "We mountain-biking team for Atlanta was yesterday reduced to two after one of their leading hopes had his cycle stolen.

Dartusz Gil was practicing in the southwestern Polish town of Karpacz. Local papers said he turned his after getting off his bike to talk to another cyclist and turned round to find his

The bike was purpose-built and unless it is returned he will not be able to start in Atlanta. The thief later phoned Gil

a new bike, " said Gil's coach, Jan Mela. "Besides, we do not have money." Kenyan athletes were yesterday warned by Kip Keino, the vice-president of The theft occurred when their Olympic committee, that they may be over-looked for Atlanta unless they report for training. His ultimatum came after

a group decided to compete in Europe this week instead of joining the team in Mississippi.
The athletes were origi-

nally told to report by Sun-day but that deadline was extended because visas did to demand a £1,700 ransom, | not come through in time.

No one's playing in the NatWest Trophy now.

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PAKISTAN AWAIT AS ATHERTON'S MEN BASK AT THE END OF AN INDIAN SUMMER Why the best

England v India Third Comhill Test, final day

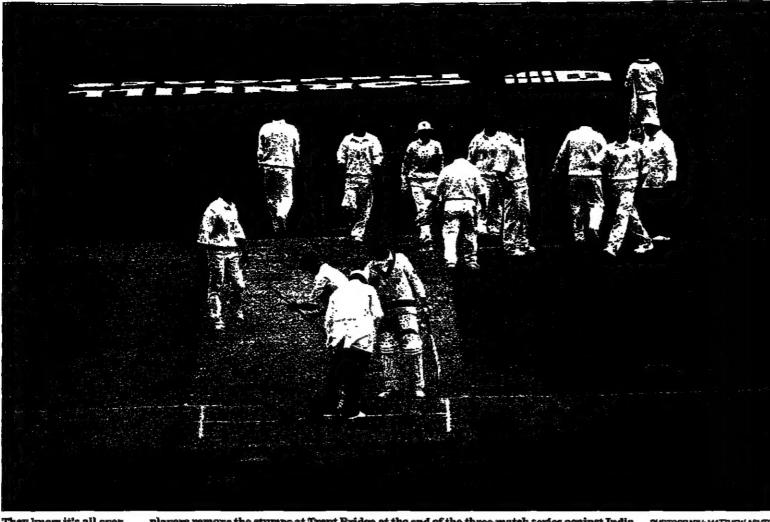
English secure series but face sterner tests of their resolve

Mike Selvey on the last rites at Trent Bridge

HE third and final Test drifted to its pre-dictable end yesterday evening when Mark Ealham, on a nice little roll, took his fourth wicket in the space of 17 bells to mop up the tired remnants of the In-

dian innings.

They had made 211 — Rathore was unable to bat because of the dislocated shoulder he suffered in the field on Mon-day — a lead of 168. England did not even begin their second innings but it means that they take the series thanks to their solitary win at Edghaston and so register their fourth home series win and only their fifth in all since Mike Gatting's Ashes



They know it's all over ... players remove the stumps at Trent Bridge at the end of the three-match series against India

things appear to be moving forwards. Well as India played at times, however, England are aware that the Pakistanis, with their scintillating all-round skills allied to consistency, and already bed-ding themselves in around the shires, should provide a more searching test over the second half of the summer.

Given that they suffered from a lethal combination of hypothermia, internal strife and injury at the start of the tour, India ultimately proved attractive and competitive opponents, and England will be relieved that their resurgence, which began at Lord's, was not accompanied by a de-cent share of the luck.

India will return home heartened by the progress mer he will have to bear

made by younger players — Sourav Ganguly, loaded down with champagne bottles after receiving awards both for Man of the Match and India's Man of the Series, Rahul Dra-vid and Venkatesh Prasad and the impact made by Javagal Srinath, a pace bowler of genuine world class, and of course Sachin Tendulkar, batsman of genius and heir apparent to Mohammad Azharuddin, whose last Test as captain this may well have

England, too, have a clearer idea of the direction in which they are moving. The eager return of Chris Lewis has given some bite to the bowl-ing and Mullally has pace, alcomparison with Wasim Ak-ram. Ealham, an enthusiastic batter and a willing bowler not to be underestimated, can be more than satisfied with a candidate for England's Man of the Series.

Against that, though, there is the worrying form of be more than satisfied with a Graeme Hick, who when the debut that brought a half-cen-tury and four for 21 from 14

teams last met finished top of the averages, but who fin-ished bottom of them in this

The problem of spin bowling, at a low ebb in the domestic game, remains no nearer to a solution

The big bonus came, however, with Nasser Hussain, petition from the likes of who has occupied the No.3 John Crawley. The problem position with distinction and of spin bowling, at a low ebb

petition from the likes of John Crawley. The problem of spin bowling, at a low ebb in domestic cricket admitted Raymond Illingworth yesterday, also remains no nearer

that an Indian batting order deprived of Rathore, and pos-sibly Azharrudin, could Unfortunately it did not pan out like that, for after Eng-land had extended their lead by 14 more runs and then Sanjay Manjrekar had turned his back on Lewis's bouncer,

two wickets in hand, and the

slender possibility remained

unwittingly gloving the ball to gully, Naian Mongia got his ad down for three hours and made 45. With him, Ganguly played beautifully once more for over two hours, driving elegantly and clambering glut-

Misfortune took a hand, however, and he had made 48, with eight fours, when he played Cork down and back on to his stumps. The second wicket had added 86 though, putting India firmly into credit while using valuable

Another 11 overs passed be-Anomer it overs passed of fore Mongia was to slice Mul-lally to backward point and although the game was well into the afternoon session England might still have won-dered if things might yet go their way. Tendulkar had other ideas,

leaving an enduring mark on the series. He drove and clipped Cork for boundaries, cut and drove Lewis, and with wrist, lofted Hick over midwicket.

He had made 39 when Dravid edged Mulially to first slip. By the time Azharuddin smacked Ealham to extra cover and hobbled off. Ten-dulkar had waitzed past 50 from 66 balls. He, too, had his sights on a third century of the series, but needed haste to the those and herring made a get there and, having made a brilliant 74, he tried to pull a lobbed a catch that Stewart and Ealbam, behind the bowler, did their best to drop between them.

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seats are in the marquee



Vincent Hanna

executive boxes are lucky," Stan Board-man once said. "They can draw the cur-tains." He was talking about Goodison Park, but it could have been Trent Bridge. At Lord's, on dull days, box-folk can slide into their back room

I once spent an afternoon at Lord's in which my host asked his PR man to prompt him to rush out at appropri ate moments and shout "good shot, sir" from the balcony. Sadly the side got squiffed and, for a bet, sent his boss out shouting during the tea interval.

This is the way of modern

sport. Bums must be put on plush seats by sponsors, advertisers and ticket agencies. They, and the television networks, provide the money that pays the players and builds the stadiums. The wider public's contribution is welcome, but not always

So if you deplored those empty seats on the Wimble-don Centre Court at the weekend, you miss the point. The marquee-folk had paid a fortime and had better things to do than watch tennis. Such as eating salmon en croute, and drinking champagne. Besides, they can watch it on television.

Wimbledon slowly has turned itself into an over-priced exercise in corporate greed, with tennis added on Grass is unreliable to play on unless it is hot. This year's weather kept bounces low. the footing unsure. Those of the crowd without access to a

Wimbledon has a glorious history but old-fashioned social attitudes and some outdated values are still peddled around SW19, values to which the media pander.

Of course it was good (or even "charming" as some called it) for a black player to make the final. But was it really necessary to burden MaliVai Washington with the role of representing his entire tains between Chambery and race. The problem is in the Les Arcs in the Tour de

mitting an interview with he is human after all. But I

John explained, but he will lose to the top players until he builds himself up and gets more power. Funnily enough, that's what they used to say about a tall gangly youth called Richard Kralicek.

Sadly the rain hardly

Sadly, the rain hardly
affected the Test match and
we were forced to watch five
days of cricket on a lifeless

on Tuesday morning Geoff Boycott berated the grounds-Boycott berated the grounds-man, who gloomily promised to "do something" for next year. "If something isn't done," snapped Geoffrey, "we might need 10 days to get a result." "We might have to get better bowlers," replied Richie Benaud tartly. What happened to Anil Kumble? I am a great fan of

Kumble? I am a great fan of the leg-spinner from Banga-lore. Last summer, playing for Northants, he was the best bowler in England — the only cricketer to take 100 wickets - and the first to do it since

At Trent Bridge he kept eering down the leg side. His only victim, Chris Lewis, was lbw to a top-spinner. Min Patel, batting at No. 11, swept him for four. Maybe our players learned more from Kumble's English experience than

he did. Mike Atherton, is also out of form, but still managed to graft for a stubborn 160, as Boycott and Barrington often

I said so at breakfast yester day. My wife's head poked over the top of The Guardian. she said. As she regards cricket and anthrax as much the same thing, I was

surprised.
"For a one-legged batsman to play at all is amazing," she said, pointing to the picture on the back page.

HAD two more frustrating experiences. When Nigel Benn fell over in round four of his fight with Steve Collins, it was hard to tell what injury he sustained.

But the sordid cynicism of the fight game was under-'I'd like to thank Nigel for giving me this payday. eamed Collins.

Nigel then announced his traditional retirement from boxing.

Next morning he made his customary comeback. Better than Gary Glitter he is.

Finally, I found it hard to take the sight of a weary Miguel Indurain in the moungame, not with him.

As for Tim Henman, the
BBC redeemed itself by transHe looked destroyed, Maybe John McEnroe, who knows a just cannot make myself be-thing or two. Tim can play, lieve that.

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Mr Paisley is known to get very angry when his tub-thumping speeches incite **Protestant** gangs to stone their Catholic neighbours or burn them out of their homes. It now appears these sectarian hot-heads have failed to grasp that he shouldn't be taken literally:

he is prone to telling jokes. Roy Greenslade

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- hung property? (3,3,3) 12 Food setter ate while
- entertaining relation (4,3) 13 Producer of the English
- carrot gone broke (7) 14 Picture is baffling: is it the end of play or thoroughgoing dentistry? (7,6)
- 17 Putting together a measure with big and little ends (10-3) 21 A runner in the Oaks, say, leaves off (7)
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- 26 See 22 27 Team with poet shows less

25 Your setter's herb (5)

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- awkward (4-4) 2 Nick's black girl? (5)
- 3 Proles' accent is upsetting for the new kids (9,5)
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